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People of the Fire

## CPN welcomes families to the 2013 Family Reunion Festival

The Family Reunion Festival serves as an opportunity to connect with our families and culture, learn more about our tribe and make decisions that will help Citizen Potawatomi Nation continue to prosper. This year, the festival will be June 28, 29 and 30.

the Family Heritage Project. Families will be interviewed festival weekend at the Cultural Heritage Center. Please check the schedule for interview times.

The Family Reunion Festival is for CPN Tribal Members and

4 of Kansas will choose between incumbent Theresa Adame and Jon E. Boursaw.

Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett will also appear on the ballot, but is running unopposed.

and election results are also announced at General Counsel.

**Connecting with your culture**

The Family Reunion Festival offers tribal members several opportunities to learn more

Grand Entry will take place at 8 p.m. In order to dance, tribal members must wear traditional regalia. Men should wear a ribbon shirt and a sash and women should wear a blouse with a simple skirt and a shawl. Tank tops, flip flops, shorts, etc. are not permitted attire for dancing.

Tribal members will also see several completed construction



(Left to right) D. Wayne Trousdale, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman John Barrett at Grand Entry in 2012.

### Honoring your family

Festival provides an opportunity to connect with relatives you may not have seen in a while and meet your extended Potawatomi family. The families being honored are the Johnson, Lafromboise, LaReau, LeClair, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld and Young families.

Families are honored with special dances at the Festival Grounds on Saturday evening.

Honored families also have the opportunity to participate in

their immediate family. Tribal members should bring their CPN identification card and check in at registration. Tribal members can register for the festival online at [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org).

### Influencing your government

Tribal members have the opportunity to vote in District 2 and District 4 Legislator elections. Tribal members living in the southeast will choose between incumbent Eva Marie Carney and challenger Anthony Cole for District 2's legislative seat. Tribal members in District

In addition to the Legislative races, tribal members will vote on the budget. Voting is held in the tribal court room located at 1601 South Gordon Cooper Drive in the CPN Headquarters building.

General Counsel will be held at the new Arena on Saturday at 3 p.m. and is an opportunity for tribal members to learn about what is happening with the tribe. Chairman Barrett will present the State of the Nation and Vice-Chairman Capps and Secretary/Treasurer Trousdale will provide a financial update. Art competition winners, special awards

about the culture and history of Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The Cultural Heritage Center will be open during festival offering several classes and the language department will offer beginners language classes. Classes include arts and crafts, beading, fringing, moccasin making and feather painting.

Perhaps the most memorable way to connect with your Potawatomi culture is the powwow, which takes place Saturday evening. All of the honored families will be recognized with a dance and

projects this year. A new branch of First National Bank, a new WIC building. The CPN Gym, The Arena and a new hotel top the list of recently or soon to be complete projects.

Please join us at the 2013 Family Reunion Festival and rekindle a sense of being Potawatomi and take the opportunity to focus on our history, culture, traditions, and language.

## History of the Family Festival

As the Family Reunion Festival approaches, CPN members from across the country will descend on the old tribal grounds south of Shawnee, Okla. to see family and participate in the festivities. But more than a decade ago, the participation of Potawatomi at the event wasn't a guarantee. CPN hosted one of the region's more popular powwows, drawing Native Americans from all over the country. But that popularity came at a cost, with tribal members ending up as spectators at many of the event's activities.

"I remember that at one point, it was just too much. We were feeding everyone who came out, whether they were Native American or people from the towns around here," said tribal elder Mary Powell.

After decades as one of the premier powwows in the country, the tribe made the decision to change the event to a family reunion of sorts, open only to CPN's enrolled members and employees. At the urging of Chairman John Barrett, in 1998 the powwow became the Family Reunion Festival, with a distinct change in the format.

"Yes some people were upset, both in and outside the tribe," added tribal elder Beverly Hughes. "But it was the right thing to do. While the tribe was hosting the event and funding it, our people weren't getting to fully participate."

A common theme among those discussing the change from an open powwow to the current CPN Family Festival was that the absence of Potawatomi from the dancing competitions.

"Our tribe didn't have a lot of dancers like others who were coming to compete here. This kind of reinforced itself, resulting in our own people not wanting to dance in the competitions,"

explained Vice Chairman Linda Capps. "All told we were spending more than \$100,000 to put on the event and decided that we needed to focus it more on for the benefit our tribal members."

While dancing remained a centerpiece to the festivities, cultural demonstrations were implemented to teach CPN members about their heritage. Classes on ribbon shirt making, beading, language classes and fan making were all started to teach tribal members about Potawatomi culture.

Other than the dancing, competitions including basketball and volleyball tournaments, archery and Potawatomi hand games began.

During the old powwow, CPN members often described the difficulty in identifying other tribal members amongst the thousands of other Native Americans in attendance. To rectify this, the revamped Family Reunion Festival began honoring eight "original families" at each year's event. With the help of the staff from Tribal Rolls and the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, members of honored families have the opportunity to visit distant relatives and perhaps meet new ones at the festival.

As always, the festival ends with a general council meeting and powwow, but now Potawatomi are competing after more than a decade.

"Right before we changed it Chairman Barrett went into Grand Entry and looked around, and he realized that there were no Potawatomi in the circle," recalled Powell. "They were all up in the stands watching. It isn't like that today. Nowadays, the biggest concern is that people are wearing traditional clothing and not just tank tops and sandals."

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LADIES' CLOTH	\$ 400	\$ 200	\$100	\$ 50
BOYS' JR. FANCY	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$100	\$ 50
(10 thru 15 yrs.)				
NORTHERN SHAWL	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$100	\$ 50
(all ages)				
JR. GIRLS	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 40
(10 thru 15 yrs.)				
(cloth and buckskin)				
TINY TOT BOYS	\$ 25	\$ 15	\$ 10	\$ 5
(0 thru 9 yrs.)				
TINY TOT GIRLS	\$ 25	\$ 15	\$ 10	\$ 5
(0 thru 9 yrs.)				

This June 1983 ad ran in the *Hownikan* prior to the pow-wow promoting the dance prize money. Native Americans from across the country would come to compete.



## Language with Justin

By Justin Neely

Director, CPN Language Department

Tribal members often ask about the word Nishnabe on our tribal seal. When we write in Potawatomi, we usually write neshnabe because the ‘I’ in Potawatomi makes an “ee” sound.

Many tribes have a name that they are known by and then a name they call themselves, with Neshnabe being our original name for ourselves. We are closely related to the Ojibwe and Odawa tribes, and it’s believed that at one time, perhaps 1,000 years ago, we were one people. When you look at their languages you see similarities and oftentimes

you can understand Ojibwe if you understand Potawatomi.

The Ojibwe call themselves Anishinabe or Anishnabe. The plural of neshnabe is neshnabek. In the original Ojibwe language, the word’s meaning has been explained as more of a question, asking “Why lower man?” which roughly means, “What is man’s purpose?” This word can be translated a variety of ways, and I have heard people say it means “the people”, “original man” and “Indian.” It has come to just mean Indian in Potawatomi, mainly because there are so many different neshnabe or Anishinabe people. Among those peoples who would be considered neshnabe or anishinabe are the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, Shawnee, Sac & Fox and Menominee. Basically all the groups who came from the Algonquian language family.

Often when people introduce themselves in Potawatomi they will say “Neshnabe ndaw” (I am Indian) “Bodewadmi ndaw” (I am Potawatomi).

I have heard and read many stories about where the name Potawatomi came from. In many old books it is written like the county in Oklahoma, Pottawatomie. I have heard a group of elders who believe it was Bodwewadmi, but has changed over the years. One story says that a group of Huron Indians acting as scouts for French Explorers were asked by the Europeans who our people were, and the Hurons replied those people are “Potawatomi, they are building a fire.” If you look at the word linguistically “bodwe” (to build a fire), “wat” (they), “mi” (a people).

We were part of a Three Fires Confederacy with the Ojibwe and Odawa. The Ojibwe were called the Keepers of the Faith while the Odawa were the Keepers of the Trade. As for the Potawatomi, as many of you already know, we were the Keepers of the Fire. Even today at certain ceremonies Anishinabe people honor this role by having a Potawatomi start the fire at their ceremonies.



## CPN member, Cultural Heritage Center Director earns Doctorate

Kelli Mosteller, a member of the Ogee and Weld families and director of the Cultural Heritage Center, earned a Ph.D. in Native American history from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mosteller attended Oklahoma State University in 2000, earning her Bachelor of Arts in history in 2005. From there, she went on to the University of Texas and enrolled in the UT History Masters/Ph.D. program.

“I didn’t take any breaks from school, so my undergraduate and graduate work has been constant for the past 13 years,” said Dr. Mosteller. “After the coursework the research and writing becomes very self-driven and you really need to be passionate about what you’re doing.”

Mosteller wrote her dissertation on Citizen Potawatomi Nation history from 1861-1891 and focused on the CPN response to allotment and citizenship policy.

“Growing up and learning about CPN history I knew that this was an important time for CPN,” said Dr. Mosteller. “These policies and our responses to them have shaped who are and I really wanted to dig into that.”

Mosteller received multiple grants to conduct research and spent time at the Smithsonian, the Newberry Library, the Kansas Historical Society, the National Archives annex in Ft. Worth, and at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

“I spent hours digging through boxes and microfilm in the basements of these huge libraries,” added Dr. Mosteller. “The documents aren’t in the best condition and it was sometimes difficult to decipher the handwriting.”

Mosteller will extend the project to include CPN history through 1934 and hopes to have the book published in the next four years.



Dr. Mosteller (left) seen here talking with CPN Aviary Manager Jennifer Randell.

## The Flood Story

One time, long ago, the Creator Mamogosan flooded the Earth. Original man, known as Wiske, was floating in the water along with all the Earth’s other animals. To stay afloat, they each climbed onto a large log that had been carried by the current.

Wiske, tired of hanging onto the log in the cold water, decided that they needed some land to rebuild the Earth.

The other animals and Wiske talked about how to do this. They had been floating for days without any sight of land, and decided the only place they were sure it existed was under the water.



blue water than the Duck had.

Eventually, he too reappeared, saying “I got close enough that I could see the dirt at the bottom.

“What name?” is your asked. Wiske asked.

“I am Zheshko the Muskrat, and I am a good swimmer. I would like to try,” replied the animal.

The animals all shook their heads, and Shishibe the Duck said, “If I couldn’t do it, and the Loon couldn’t do it, what makes you think that you can?”

“Everyone else has tried, why not let him?” someone said from the other end of the log.

So Zheshko took a deep breath and jumped off the log and into the water.

Soon everyone realized he had been gone longer than the duck, the loon and everyone else who had attempted to reach the bottom. Eventually, air bubbles began to emerge from the water where Zheshko

went in. Soon after, Zheshko floated slowly to the surface.

Wiske and the other animals brought him to the log and sat him on top of it. Though he was no longer breathing, in his hand was a clump of Earth. In his desire to reach the bottom, Zheshko realized that if he reached the bottom, he wouldn’t have enough air to get back to the surface. By grabbing the dirt, he sacrificed himself in order to help the other animals still up on the log.

Mshike the Turtle, had watched all of this happen and was touched by Zheshko’s sacrifice



Shishibe, the Duck, was a good swimmer and volunteered to dive down and retrieve some Earth from the water below. Shishibe disappeared into the water below with the kick of his webbed feet and was gone for a long time.

Eventually, he emerged, breathing heavily and shaking his head.

“I dove as far as I could, and I couldn’t even see the ground,” he explained dejectedly.

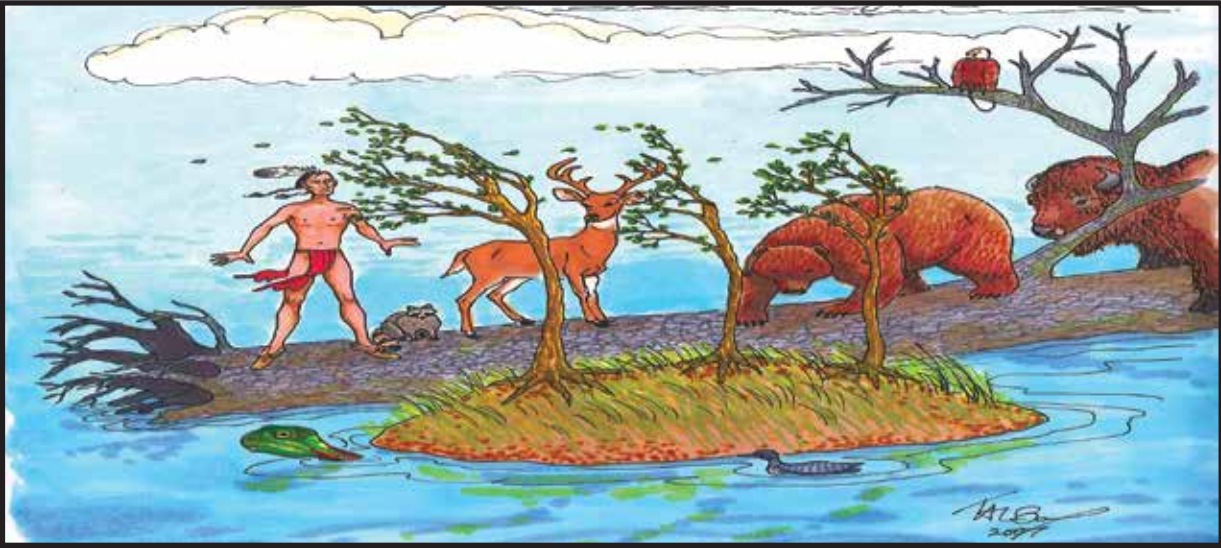
The Loon, who had been sitting on top of the log waiting for the Duck to come back, volunteered to try next. Diving off the log, he disappeared into the water. The other animals waited as the Loon spent a longer time beneath the

It is there, I just couldn’t hold my breath long enough to reach it.”

One after another, the animals floating in the water took turns diving below the waves in hopes of reaching the bottom. Each one though, returned with nothing to show for it. As more failed, hope started to fade that they would ever be on land again.

Finally, when everyone agreed that the water was just too deep, a small voice from the far end of the log said, “Let me try.”

All the creatures looked to where the voice had come from and saw a small, hairy animal that looked like a cousin of the Beaver.



## Festival Facts:

During the event, 2,500 lbs., or 10,000 bratwurst, are eaten.

About 3,500 lbs., or 14,000 hot dogs, are consumed over the three day Festival.

To keep cool, 40,000 lbs. of ice are used over the three day Family Festival.

About 32,000 Bottles of 12oz water are consumed at Festival.

Attendees drink around 10,000 cups of soda at Festival.

At the 2012 Family Festival, out of 2,497 pre-registered members, 2,413 of them attended.

Out of the 2413 registered members who attended the festival in 2012, they brought 2102 guests.

5,000 ice cream bars, cones, sandwiches and popsicles are eaten at Festival.



and offered his shell as the platform to rebuild the Earth. Through Mshike and Jeshko’s efforts, the Earth began to form on the shell and grew larger and larger. Eventually all the animals were able to leave the

log and walk onto the newly formed land that was built on Mshike the Turtle’s back.

This is the reason that to the Potawatomi, North America is known as Turtle Island.



How to make a fan for Festival

Fan Making

With Festival on the horizon, having traditional Potawatomi dress and regalia are an important facet of participating in ceremonies like Grand Entry and dancing. One piece of this regalia is the fan, which in addition to being a nice addition to Potawatomi clothing, comes in handy in the warm June weather.

Here’s what you need to make one, and how to do it:

- Eagle, goose or turkey feathers from either a tail or wing
- A handle (Fan handles can be purchased at the FireLake Gift Shop inside the Cultural Heritage Center)
- Wood glue



**Step 1** – Layout the feathers on a table to get an idea how they should look when assembled. Start with a spiked feather (a feather with a pointed end) and layer the others behind it. Try lining the feathers up from tallest to shortest to give it some shape.

**Step 2** – With scissors, trim



the bottom of the feathers so they fit snugly in the handle. Feather bases may be rotund and rounded, and you should cut them so as to make them flush with the handle.

**Step 3** – Cover the bottom of the trimmed feather with wood glue. Apply the glue to the gap in the handle where the feather base rests as well, then place the feather in the order you chose earlier. Remember, start with the spiked feather.

**Step 4** – Let the first glued feather set until it is dried completely, usually taking about 30 minutes. Once set, repeat the same process with the other feathers in the order you laid out.

**Step 5** – Once the feathers bases are set, go through the top of the feathers to make sure they are flush with one another. Each individual feather will last longer if they all remain close together as a unit when being waved.

Once you’ve completed the structural part of the fan, you can decorate it with bead work, paint or other feathers.



Construction update



(Top) The new awning over the entrance of the Grand Hotel. (Below) Staircases and seating being fitted into the Grand Event Center.



(Top) The connection being finished between the Grand Casino and Hotel (Below) A new awning being fitted at the FireLake Arena on Hardesty Road.



(Right)The carpeting and showers are complete in many rooms at the Grand Hotel. (Left) A view from the third floor executive box of the FireLake Arena.



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## The past is shining bright at Sacred Heart Mission



More than 130 years ago the Potawatomi Tribe and a French Benedictine Priest struck a deal to build a mission and school for Native Americans. Today, most of the original infrastructure has deteriorated due to the sometimes fierce Oklahoma elements, a fire and even vandalism.

was built in 1914, is the only building that is used today.

Sacred Heart church is a small church located atop Bald Hill. The church was built under the pastorate of Father Fuerstenburg and cost about

few volunteers, the windows, which are irreplaceable, shine as bright now as they did when they were installed in 1914.

“Since the installation in 1914, the windows at Sacred Heart church have not received



Jan Pasienski and Mike Piggot restore the 9th window of Sacred Heart church.

The bakery, a two-story log cabin and two cemeteries are all that remain of what was once a thriving and growing Catholic community. The church, which

\$15,000. Large painted glass windows were created for the church and most of the carpentry work was done by parishioners. Thanks to the hard work of a

proper maintenance,” said Father Adrian. “Each window is considered to be an original piece of art and each window has a significant historical

and religious meaning.”

It was a lengthy process to restore these pieces of art to their original condition. First, the windows must be removed from the building and transported to the workshop for repair. It required four to five volunteers to remove the windows and transport them. The pieces of the window are secured around the edge and held together with duct tape before transport.

“Previous caretakers had noticed the windows needed to be repaired and had used plaster around some of the corners and glass,” added Father Adrian. “It is quite a process to remove the windows, clean them and replace any missing pieces and put them back in the church. We’re very appreciative of those who have donated their time.”

The restoration began in fall 2009 when Father Adrian asked a local artist to take a look at the windows to determine

be a shame to let these beautiful windows pass beyond repair. “

Once the windows had been removed from the church volunteers cleaned the windows, replaced broken pieces and reinforced the frames.

“The most difficult part of the restoration was removing all the substances that were used to maintain the windows over the last almost 100 years,” added Pasienski. “Concrete, plaster, putty, tar, liquid nails and silicone glue were used to keep the windows in place. Although it was extremely difficult, if it were not for the attempts to save the windows, they would not be around for us to do a proper restoration.”

It took the volunteers more than 600 hours, each of them doing what they could when they could, to get the job done. In addition to the work done by Jan, Mike Piggott and Terri Gilley were very involved



Pasienski shows off the completed 9th window.

if they could be restored. in the restoration process.

“I’ve been working with stained glass since 1984 and since I knew how to put them together I figured I could restore them,” said Jan Pasienski. “It was a hard decision to make to accept this project since it was a huge commitment on my part and I didn’t want to let Father Adrian down. Sacred Heart is an historic parish and I felt that since I had the ability and the time it would

There are 10 large stained glass windows and seven smaller stained glass windows at the church, which is located between Asher and Konawa, Okla.

Tours of Sacred Heart will be offered during the Family Reunion Festival. Please check the schedule of events for details.

## Family Festival Offers Traditional Hand Games

Two teams of participants would compete against one another. In previous centuries, Potawatomi would bid on each team and wager on the winner. The person who correctly backed the competition’s winning team would get a large percentage of the overall wager, while the team’s members would get a cut of the winnings.

Each team had a captain, who chose two hidere and one picker for each round of the game. The Hiders would conceal two small objects, typically beads or smooth rocks, in their hands

behind their back before placing them in front of their body. The opposing team’s Picker would then have to guess which hands the beads were in. To indicate which hand of the Hider they were choosing, the Picker pointed to their opponents’ hands with a decorated stick.

The Picker had to correctly guess which hands they were in, which could only come in the following combinations:

- Inside hands
- Outside Hands

- Left Hands
- Right Hands

To score a point for their team, the Picker had to correctly pick which two hands the beads were hidden in. No credit was given for only getting one bead. Games were typically played to the score of nine. While it is not common practice today, players used to keep score by placing sharpened sticks in the ground, which acted like a scoreboard for the competition.



**As time for the CPN Family Reunion Festival nears, the tribal administration and all of the tribe's employees welcome tribal members and their families back home.**

**To make your Reunion Festival registration experience more enjoyable - and shorter - please take a few minutes to pre-register electronically at**

**[www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org)**



**CPN Tag Agency will be open June 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Family Reunion Festival**



The Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations

This year's Gathering will be hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi at its Rodgers Lake property, in the heart of the ancestral Potawatomi homelands. The Gathering will be Thursday, August 8 through Sunday, August 11, 2013.

The Potawatomi Gathering provides an opportunity for Bodéwadmí people from across North America to come together for language and cultural demonstrations, recreational activities, meals, socializing, and a powwow. The tribal councils and service programs from the various Potawatomi bands will also meet to discuss business and issues affecting Potawatomi communities across the U.S. and Canada.

The idea for the Gathering began over twenty years ago when Potawatomi leaders recognized they had been separated for too long and needed to come together to share experiences, ideas, and to reconnect as family. It has grown into a multi-day event



Nottawaseepi Huron Band Chairperson Homer Mandoka (far left) and Chairman John Barrett pose with other members of the Nottawaseepi Huron at last year's Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations

attended by several thousand Neshnabék annually. Hosted by a different band every year, this will be the third time Pokagon Band has served as host.

A chartered bus will leave

the Potawatomi Nation headquarters; 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive in Shawnee, at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 and the bus will leave to return home on Sunday, August 11, 2013. The bus will arrive

back in Shawnee the afternoon of Monday, August 12, 2013. If you are planning to attend, please contact Cathie Hanson at 405-275-3121 x 1434 or 1-800-880-9880 to reserve your place

on the bus. The deadline for your reservation will be July 10, 2013.

For more information, visit <http://www.potawatominations.com/>.

Tribal youth to learn about 'little brother of war' tradition

There is a story about a disagreement over hunting grounds between the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes. The two peoples had lived near each other in the country's southeastern states before their removal by the U.S. government, and like all neighbors had occasionally clashed. When the government put them next to one another in what was then known as Indian Territory, tribal leaders feared fighting and all-out war might erupt over disputed hunting rights. The tribal elders decided to settle the matter in a manner where no one would be killed, through what is called 'the little brother of war,' or stickball.

Called Pegnegewen in Potawatomi, for hundreds of years the game was played on fields that could be a mile or longer, with games lasting anywhere from a few hours to an entire day. A single goal post with a line drawn on it half way up was placed at each end, and players received one point for hitting the pole itself, and two points if the ball strikes the line.

Though the game varies amongst Native American tribes across the U.S., the Potawatomi tradition resembles modern day lacrosse in equipment and rules. However, CPN's



CPN archives curator Blake Norton assists Chikasaw cultural resource instructor Jeremy Wallace cut a stickball stick.

close proximity to other tribes originally from different parts of the U.S. has created a need for compromise in playing the game.

"Since Potawatomi are from the Great Lakes region and tribes like the Choctaw and Chickasaw are from the south, our rules in Oklahoma are a little different," said Coby Lehman, CPN cultural activities coordinator. "But since we all live close to each other in Oklahoma, we're going

to be playing a style that is a mix of different tribal traditions, but resembles the Seminole and Creek style more than anything."

In this particular style, players carry two sticks, one longer than the other. Games are played on football fields, with teams of 30 on each team competing with one another.

"The game started out as a

conflict resolution tool for warring tribes," explained Lehman, who is a descendent of the Nona family. "Instead of fighting each other, tribes would play a game to settle disputes. Nowadays it's played at spiritual and cultural events."

As part of the CPN's cultural activities for youth involvement Lehman invited Jeremy Wallace, Cultural Resource Instructor for

the Chickasaw Nation, to the CPN Cultural Heritage Center to conduct a live demonstration on how to make sticks for stickball.

The stick is cut from a piece of Oklahoma hickory and each player fashions sticks that are around 2-3 feet long with a net at the end. As opposed to modern day lacrosse, the Seminole/Creek version of the game equips players with two sticks.

"Since we have a variety of tribal affiliations with our youth in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area, adapting the style of stick ball reflects the diversity of our tribal youth gatherings," said Lehman. "Whatever tribe they're from, it's important for Native youth to learn about cultural traditions like this. While we're not solving hunting ground disputes over a game of stickball like our ancestors did, the game can still show youth there's a way to deal with disagreements in a constructive manner."

If you would like to learn more, or know a youth that would be interested in learning more about playing stickball, please contact Coby Lehman ([coby.lehman@potawatomi.org](mailto:coby.lehman@potawatomi.org)).

Language teachers are vanguard of Potawatomi culture

Learning a language is difficult in the best of circumstances. Now, imagine the difficulty in keeping a language alive amongst a very select portion of the population. More so, ponder taking on that challenge with the knowledge that if the federal government decides to cut funding for your tribe, it can justify its actions by pointing out that a common and distinct language no longer exists.

"In the 1950s the federal government started trying to terminate tribes. One of the criteria for whether a tribe was still a tribe was whether anyone still spoke their language," explains CPN Language Director Justin Neely. "The language is the glue which holds us together as a people. It's our stories, traditions, ceremonies, art, dance, history, blood, and language which make us Potawatomi."

The CPN Language Department, more specifically its teachers, are key figures in the ongoing struggle to keep the language alive. In the current political atmosphere, the reality of government cost cutting is all too real, and at some point funding for tribes may come under scrutiny by politicians looking to rein in spending.

Neely, along with Samuel Navarre and Randy Schlachtun carry the teaching load for Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The three descendants of the Navarre family all came to their roles as teachers in different ways, but all seem to have been similarly inspired.

"Other tribes wouldn't consider the way I was raised as traditional, and I wouldn't either," said Navarre. "However, I was always taught my family's history from my immediate relatives."



Randy Schlachtun (left) and Justin Neely (right) discuss lesson plans for an upcoming course.

"My grandmother always let it be known that we were Potawatomi and that we should be proud of who we are," added Schlachtun.

Raised in non-traditional home environments, the CPN language teachers were all close to adulthood when the notion of learning more about their culture set in. Neely credits an interest in genealogy during his teenage years for sparking interest in his Potawatomi heritage, which lead him to begin attending the tribe's regional meetings in Kansas. Navarre credits his interactions with elders of the Kiowa tribe as the catalyst, after they encouraged him to learn

about his Potawatomi heritage.

Through experiences like these, the CPN teachers all realized the importance that the language played in defining the tribe's unique culture.

"I wanted to feel like more than just a descendent of Potawatomi people," explained Schlachtun. "So I decided to start learning the language that made me proud in being Potawatomi."

Neely received an Endangered Language grant from Yale University, which he used to fund his studies under instructor Don Perrot at the

Hannahville Potawatomi Indian School in Michigan. Navarre and Schlachtun were both students of CPN's language department before eventually becoming instructors.

With most native speaking Potawatomi having passed away, less than one percent of all members of the Seven Bands of Potawatomi in the U.S. have an extensive knowledge of the tribe's language. Many language teachers throughout the tribes are like CPN's, having picked it up later in life. Yet the commitment they've shown in learning such a distinct language is heartening.

"We are at a critical time in our history. Our language and many of our traditions are on the verge of disappearing forever," said Neely. "My goal is to see our language a vibrant expression of who we are. I want our people to take pride in being Potawatomi and to feel a sense of belonging with the language and the culture."

Neely is fond of reciting the Seven Fires prophecy, which states that there will be a time when the old ones will have passed, and the new people will have to pick up what is left behind and carry on.

Neely, Schlachtun and Navarre are doing their part in fulfilling this prophecy, but there is only so much that teachers can do, especially if they have no students.

"I have a small, but loyal following in one of my online classes," said Navarre. "They've been participating throughout the two years we've been having the class."

But Navarre's core group of students aside, participation remains limited when compared to the online and in-person resources available to CPN members to learn their language.

According to Neely, "When they're younger, people feel they're too busy what with t-ball, Girl Scouts and other activities. And as adults we become too self-conscious, embarrassed of making mistakes. But you just have to make it a priority, which is something we should do to leave something for our children and grandchildren."

If you'd like to learn more, visit the CPN Language Department's website.



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## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Releases Juvenile Bald Eagle

### CPN the first tribe to use GPS tracking device

Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Raptor View Research Institute of Missoula and Comanche Nation Sia have joined forces to rehabilitate, release and track a juvenile bald eagle.

"We are honored to be part of such a historic event," said Chairman John Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "It was incredibly important for us to use the tracking device when we released this bird so that we know she is doing well and so that we can learn for future events. It's an honor for our tribe to be able to release this eagle."

The eagle was transferred to the CPN Eagle Aviary from the Florida Audubon Society in June 2012 after she was found near her nest in Orange County, Fla. The eagle had suffered an injury to her left wing, including fractured wing tip, extensive tissue damage and loss of her primary flight feathers.

"When we received her we didn't believe that she would ever fly again," said Jennifer Randell, CPN Eagle Aviary manager. "However, as we were monitoring her health and progress we noticed she had an interest in learning to fly and that her feathers were growing back. After a few months we determined she could be rehabilitated and should be released."

It was not until the replacement set of flight feathers grew in

that the eagle's flight could be reevaluated. By fall 2012, it was determined that the eagle had regained flight ability well enough to consider release back to the wild.

"This is a very unique situation," said Bill Voelker, executive director, Sia. "We originally thought she couldn't be rehabilitated and then through the circumstances and strength of the bird we were able to release her. The CPN Eagle Aviary has done the right thing and the situation couldn't be better to release her."

Rob Domenech from the Raptor View Research Institute equipped the eagle with a GPS device so that her travel and hunting progress can be monitored. The transmitter allows CPN to follow the movements of the eagle and is a way to keep track of the eagle to make certain of her survival in the wild. CPN is the first Native American Tribe to use a GPS device to track a rehabilitated eagle.

"The GPS device will allow us to track what is going on with the bird," said Rob Domenech. "We're going to be able to see how they travel, where they choose to live and know if there are any problems. The data we gather from tracking really helps us understand and serve these birds better."

The eagle arrived at the CPN Eagle Aviary when she was approximately five months old and was given her Potawatomi

name, Penojes, which means child or young one. She was given a new name, Wadase Zhabwe, which means the brave break through, or the strong survive, before her new journey began.

"We are so proud at what Jennifer and Bree have accomplished with the aviary," said Linda Capps, Vice Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "This aviary is a blessing for our tribe and our tribal citizens. To release an eagle is something very special and we are excited to be able to monitor her progress and learn from her."

"We couldn't have done this without the help and support of several people," added Randell. "I especially want to thank Rob Domenech; Bill Voelker and Troy of Sia; Diana Flynt with The Florida Audubon Center; Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, Greg Hughes, Jerry Thompson, Katie Wade, Elvira Hunt with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Col. Robert J. Fleenor with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation."

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Eagle Aviary houses rescued eagles which typically cannot be rehabilitated. The aviary was funded by a \$200,000 Tribal Wildlife Grant awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Tours of the aviary are available by appointment only. For more information and for updates on the location of Wadase Zhabwe, please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/eagle>.



(Top) Chairman John Barrett blesses the table prior to Wadase Zhabwe's release. (Left) The GPS locator vest is fitted to Wadase. (Below) Wadase taking off after an afternoon meal.



## Update on Wadase Zhabwe

By Jennifer Randell, CPN Aviary Manager

Bozho Nikan,

Recently we went out to track Wadase and see how she's doing. We've been thankful for the cooler weather, because we knew it would help her to stay around the area.

So far the data we are getting from the telemetry is invaluable and we have been able to see where she has explored and is frequenting. We were surprised she made it north to the river, but think she may not be great at catching fish yet and went looking elsewhere for food.

We were surprised to find a great marshy pond area where we are getting multiple GPS points back.

We also found eagle down and rabbit fur, so we took a GPS record of the spot and continued looking. We get new GPS data from her transmitter about every three days and by the time we got back to the house new data had come in. One of her GPS points recorded put her almost right on top of the GPS we recorded in the field at the sighting of what we hoped was her catch. So, we know with almost absolute certainty that this was her and that we had been within 1500 yards of her at 2:00pm that day.

Three days doesn't sound like a long time but when waiting on new GPS telemetry data from Wadase Zhabwe but those days seem like weeks. We want to thank tribal members, employees, and anyone else in the area who has been following her progress and those that have seen her and reported sightings. We simply can't be everywhere at once and the extra eyes looking are greatly appreciated especially when those sightings come between GPS data downloads. Wadase seemed content in the marshy area east

of CPN that we call her swamp, and with a diverse and plentiful prey base we suspected she would spend a great deal of time there. On April 26, we spotted her on the ground in the open field across from the CPN Maintenance Barn and she appeared to be eating. Later that day it looked as if she had made new friends of sorts. She was flying with a group of young Turkey Vultures, chasing them in and out of the swamp. We had no positive sighting of her after April 26 and we waited anxiously for new GPS data as we continue to track her progress and monitor her hunting abilities. When new data came in, it was no wonder we couldn't spot her near

search of evidence of her fishing, we spotted eagle tracks in the wet sand, but no sight of her.

On May 3, Jason Greenwalt and Kelli Mosteller spotted her flying over the river at Iron Horse Bridge. With GPS coming in that day, we know know she was on the move, going further down river before returning to her swamp. Perhaps she is able to find food easier in the swamp, as young eagle, her survival depends on good instincts, finding food and returning to those places where she had success.

On May 6, Blaine Littleton spotted her in the pecan grove not



the swamp, she had returned to the river further east of the aviary. It seems she is making the rounds to bless all of the local CPN projects because on April 30, the GPS showed her latest visit was to the recently completed Iron Horse Bridge as. On May 1, we noticed the river had gone back down significantly and hoped she might have a better chance of fishing in the wide bend of the river. Walking the banks in

far from the swamp, however she was chased west from the area towards FireLake Golf Course by nesting Red-Tailed Hawks. While she isn't a threat to the Red-Tails, they apparently do not want to share their squirrels that live amidst the pecan trees. On May 9, we learned from the GPS that she was just east of the aviary. We left food on the release platform in hopes she might return.

The following day, almost a month since her release, Wadase came back to the aviary. She was sitting in the shade of a huge pecan tree. We offered her more food on the release platform and she seemed interested but hesitant. After eating she made her way to Squirrel Creek where she roosted on a limb hanging just over the edge of the creek. At sunup on Saturday the 11th, she was already gone from her roosting spot and out of sight. but was promptly back at noon for lunch. This type of "soft release" is exactly what we had hoped for to give her every opportunity learn the skills needed to survive in the wild while getting some

squirrels who have just begun to leave the old hollow pecan tree in the yard because the noise from the chattering squirrels made it nearly impossible to hear anything else. As the sun made its way to the back yard, the perch she had chosen was in the sun she finally ceded the perch to the local Mocking Bird that had started to make swipes at her, refusing to have her in his yard. She went back to the platform around front to eat. As if the day was not full enough, she made her way down to the frames of the wigwams at the edge of the aviary pasture and perched right on top. She spent the rest of the afternoon there, sleeping, preening (even preening her telemetry antenna) and fussing at the occasional crow that came in to give her a hard time. At dusk she was still there, one foot up, head tucked under a wing, sleeping.

At 6:00 a.m. on May 13 the pasture was still and quiet but she had already left the wigwam frame she chose as a roost. Scattered out across the aviary's open pasture, more than a dozen deer grazed as the resident turkeys walked down the drive towards the river and young bobcats roamed the edge weaving in and out of the tall grass. Not a half hour later she arrived for breakfast. After eating she decided to try out the second wigwam framework as a perch. Curious about everything she walked back and forth across the horizontal framework and bit curiously at the ties where the frame is joined together. The Oklahoma winds have woken up as well and her Turkey Vulture friends are circling about. They seem to encourage her to fly, as she bats her wings with the incoming gust of wind, she remains content to stay perched there. For now, we are content she is perched there as well.

support to stay healthy and thrive. Eventually she will leave the "nest" for good but for now we are content to give her the added support when she comes for a visit.

Mother's Day will go on the list as on of the most incredible days that we have had here at the Aviary. Early that morning, Wadase was sitting out back behind the aviary near the prayer circle. I think she may have been chasing the young



Potawatomi Cornerstone

By Charles Clark, Director  
Tribal Rolls

Bozho,

This months’ article features Kaitlyn Orr, no relation to Yancey Orr from the previous article. Kaitlyn is a member of the Bourassa family and is currently living in Boston, Mass. She grew up in Shawnee, Kan. and moved to Boston where she is now working on her MBA at Harvard Business School.



Kaitlyn Orr

After the incident at the Boston Marathon on April 15, I checked to see if any of our tribal members lived there, or perhaps were participants in the run. To my surprise, there was only one person living in the city at the time.

Where Kaitlyn lives is but three miles from the bombing. Asking if she was there, I was relieved to find out that she was safely tucked away in a classroom. But it didn’t take long for word to spread of the tragedy and as a result, in Kaitlyn’s words “definitely unsettling, a feeling of insecurity.”

The following days were not much easier either. During the hunt for the bombers, Kaitlyn,

like most of the people in the area, stayed indoors glued to the television. When photos of the Tsarnaev brothers finally appeared on the television, she said that her and many of her friends were “spooked.” Knowing who the police were looking for and how dangerous the brothers were, Kaitlyn added that she ...“couldn’t go out and have a normal life...”

But the real fear came when police started closing in on the suspects. Kaitlyn lived only two miles from Watertown and much of her shopping was done

in that area. She was in the area just after the car-jacking took place. She said that the scene was chaotic and tense with about thirty police officers in the area.

On Friday morning, Kaitlyn was still glued to the television. Asking her how the media reported second by second accounts of the situation, Kaitlyn responded that there were “too many rumors and false information on TV.”

As for me, I completely

understood, having lived in Oklahoma City during the Murrah Building bombing, hyperbole takes control.

Even though Watertown was under a tight lockdown, Kaitlyn’s area was placed in the same condition, she said “no one was walking around and there was a lot of security in the area.” She went on to state that everyone was unsettled even in talking about it until

the bombers were caught.

After the standoff ended Kaitlyn expressed a sense of relief. People were back out on the streets, except this time with a “strong sense of solidarity” as Kaitlyn put it.

The following pictures show the downtown area where a bombing memorial was set up. I would like to thank Kaitlyn for sharing her story with us and the pictures she contributed to this article.



A memorial set up at Copley Square.

Need a will?

The Jodi Marquette American Indian Wills Clinic from Oklahoma City University School of Law will be on-site at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on **Saturday June 29, 2013 (LOCATION TBD)** to provide information about will drafting services available to tribal members. Come learn more about leaving your Indian trust property and other assets to whom you choose. For more information, contact Matt at CPN Real Estate Services at (405) 395-0113 or Casey Ross-Petherick, J.D., M.B.A. at (405) 208-5312.

Land Buy Back Program:

To unify sovereign lands across Indian Country, the Department of the Interior is launching the Land Buy Back Program to fairly compensate individuals who willingly transfer fractional land interests to tribal nations. A \$1.9 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund from the Cobell Settlement enables the payments. The Buy Back Program is designed to help individuals unlock lands from the failures of past policies, and to benefit tribal nations and the American Indian population they serve. By transferring fractional interest, for a fair market value price, these lands will be retained in trust or restricted status by the tribe and these individuals can honor their ancestors and preserve the legacy of traditional land use tenures. The Settlement also allows for a \$60 million educational Trust Fund to be built up from the sale of these fractionalized lands. A portion of the money will be put in to this fund for American Indians and Alaska Natives to gain access to higher education for years ahead. For more information, contact Matt at CPN Real Estate Services at (405) 395-0113.

2013 CPN Reunion Festival Family Interview Schedule

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8:00am to 5:30pm All Veteran & Family Interviews in Studio

SATURDAY JUNE 29

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## Branson Regional Meeting



Ty, Tom and Jett Lewis look on as Chairman Barrett prepares to begin the meeting with a smudge ceremony.



Lyn Kindt and Chairman Barrett



The youngest person at the meeting, Jack Turner Shanks, his mother Amy Turner and Chairman Barrett.



Traveled the farthest: Peggy Hill



Tom and Jim Lewis with Vice-Chairman Capps.



Nona Miller and Chairman Barrett



Legislators Roy Slavin, Eva Marie Carney, David Barrett and Vice-Chairman Linda Capps



Naming ceremony for Cicely Kimball



Naming ceremony for Terri Courtney-Miller



(Right) Naming ceremony for David Shanks. (Left) Theresa Adame with Sharon and Jim Schaeffer.



## Baltimore Regional Meeting



Vice Chairman Capps with Andrea Young and her mother Lenora Tescier Dusold.



Chairman Barrett and Paula Rose (Pettifer).



Amanda Hardest, Anthony Cole with Jerry and Mary Brown



A table full of the East Coast contingent of the Tescier family.



A young Tescier inspects Vice Chairman Capps' placement of the ceremonial cedar.



Wisest Lenore Dusold, with her granddaughter and meeting's youngest Alannah Funk and Michael and Amanda Funk.



Eva Marie Carney and J. Davis Hobby



Chairman Barrett with Allannah and Amanda Funk and Roy Slavin.



Heidi and James Stone (Mellot).



Firefighting and legislating, all in a day’s work for CPN’s Mark Johnson

CPN Legislator Mark Johnson has a unique undertaking when it comes to organizing meetings for his constituents. But working with expansive geographic challenges is nothing new for Johnson, who has spent his career outside of the legislature fighting fires with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Johnson, born in Sanger, Calif. is a descendent of the Vieux family and since 1980 has worked as a fire fighter in California’s central valley and surrounding mountains. Originally from the Shawnee, Okla. area, Johnson’s family relocated from their allotment west of town to Calif. during the 1930s, part of the great Westward migration of plains states residents during the Great Depression. Born and raised in Sanger, Johnson decided to pursue firefighting as a career after high school.

“It was something that always drew my interest. As a youngster I would walk to the Sanger Fire Department from time to time, the fireman knew me by name and I just thought it would be a great job when I grew up,” explained Johnson.

He served as a volunteer firefighter in a part time capacity while attending classes at Fresno State University before eventually joining on in a full time capacity.

Today he serves as the division chief of the Fresno County Fire District’s operations division. The division, located in California’s San Joaquin Valley, covers 2,655 square miles and is surrounded by the Sierra Nevada and Coastal Mountain Ranges. The group provides emergency response to structural and wild land fires, hazardous material incidents, medical response and search and rescue operations.

“The majority of our calls are medical in nature,” explained Johnson. “But what most people assume what we do is what they see on the news during fire season, which is fighting large forest fires.”

As head of the Operations Division, Johnson is responsible for the overall deployment and preparedness of the district’s emergency response personnel and equipment. To coordinate these resources over the expansive territory that falls under the district’s jurisdiction, Johnson oversees a staff of six battalion chiefs, thirteen teams of 2-3-person engine companies, one 3-person truck company and a medium rescue unit, all of which are housed in 13 full time fire houses. This team is responsible for responding to an average 14,700 incidents each year.

Over the course of his 30 plus years of service, the Sanger native has seen some of the largest and most intense wild fires to hit the state in recent decades, including the 2003 Cedar Fire in San Diego. The fire started when a man-made signal fire got out of control. The Santa Ana Winds fueled blaze burned more than 280 thousand acres and killed 15 people, one of those a firefighter. That fire remains the largest in California’s history.

Recalling those experiences, Johnson explained his motivation for such a harrowing career choice. “I would do the job for free if I did not have a family and bills. The job provides a great deal of satisfaction in helping our fellow citizens. Generally we deal with people who are having the worst day of their life and we have the ability at times to make a dramatic positive impact on their lives.”

Now in his third decade in



firefighting, the District 7 legislator serves a managerial role that focuses on logistics and strategic planning. The duties allow him time to serve CPN members in his legislative district. Johnson cites his experience overseeing large scale firefighting operations as good practice for serving his

constituents.

“During large fires, we routinely can build a Fire Camp of 2000 people in 12 hours, so the logistical and organizational experience I have gained over the years in the fire service will serve me with any undertaking,” said Johnson “I always have my cell

phone and can answer members’ questions when they call or return their calls immediately.

If you are a District 7 resident and would like to learn more or get in contact with Mark Johnson, he can be reached at [mark.johnson@potawatomi.org](mailto:mark.johnson@potawatomi.org) or [www.markjohnsoncpn.com](http://www.markjohnsoncpn.com).



ICW looking out for local youth

After centuries of mismanagement and abuse at the hands of the federal government, the 1978 passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act was a significant step in the right direction. Congress’ passage of the law sought to curb the high percentage of Native American children being removed from their homes under dubious circumstances. According to the law, the act intended to “protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families.”

As part of this new legislation, tribes across the country established their own tribal-run child welfare programs. Those programs provide structure and guidance by promoting the role that tribal governments play in supporting Native American families both on and off tribal land.

CPN’s own Indian Child Welfare Program falls under the supervision of 16 year CPN employee, Janet Draper. As director of the FireLodge Children and Family Services Department, she oversees the

management of Child Protection, Foster Care and Adoption, the Domestic Violence Program and the Tribal Youth organization.

When she arrived in 1998, Draper was part of a small staff whose main focus was running the tribe’s First Offender Program, which mainly worked on rehabilitating recently arrested youth. Today, with the expansion of funding through federal grants, Draper heads a staff of more than 20, which includes 6 ICW case managers whose main responsibility is protecting the tribe’s most vulnerable citizens.

CPN’s Indian Child Welfare Department has the authority to appear in court across the U.S. on behalf of any Potawatomi children who are removed from their homes for abuse or neglect. In worst case scenarios where parental rights are revoked, CPN’s ICW program has the right to have the child brought back to the tribal headquarters where they will be placed in foster care under the tribe’s supervision. The caseworker assigned to monitor the children can also request the legal proceedings be transferred to the tribal court, and in some

cases, so can parents who are seeking to regain their parental rights.

“We are always supportive of the ICW’s work in looking out for Potawatomi children across the country,” stated Vice Chairman Linda Capps. “Their work is a great example of the tribe taking care of its own, wherever they may be.”

While the expansion in services is a positive for Potawatomi youth who live in challenging environments, the tribe’s supervisory role has also created a need for foster homes, a facet that continues to grow. This is especially critical considering the CPN ICW Department is responsible for overseeing the well being of 8,000 youth under the age of 21 in the five county area surrounding CPN headquarters in Shawnee.

“We always need foster parents. They don’t have to be Potawatomi, though that is a bonus,” explained Draper. “The kids need a stable home, and as far as the cultural aspects of tribal life, we provide classes and workshops that are open to the

kids, the foster parents and the other kids in the home who may not be Potawatomi.”

Unlike state-run child welfare programs, Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s ICW Department has more flexibility in dealing with each individual family. Caseworkers typically carry around 20-30 cases apiece, each of which takes up about 80 work hours. However, unlike other child welfare services, CPN’s caseworkers can provide individualized support for youth and create personalized plans for parents seeking to recover custody.

“We try to be somewhat flexible in helping parents as long as they adhere to our supervised recovery plans,” said Draper. “The potency of the drugs that some of them have been on for years in some cases doesn’t mean that they can become fully functioning, responsible parents overnight. That said, we are strict, and we will terminate parental rights if they are not following our plan.”

Like the rest of the country, the spread of methamphetamine use has become a major catalyst for

the work of the tribe’s ICW Department over the past decade. When she started in 1998, Draper’s primary foe was alcohol and chemical dependence, she estimates the methamphetamine use is involved in over 90 percent of the cases they deal with currently. As a result of the increasingly hazardous situations caseworkers look into, an armed police officer is always present.

These challenges aside, the longtime CPN-employee is upbeat about the work her caseworkers do considering the strenuous circumstances in which they do it.

“I’d say we’ve got around a 50 percent success rate in getting families back together and kids back into a safe environment,” said Draper. “Our philosophy is, ‘we can’t change you, we can only guide you’. While our staff has a tough job and they see a lot of painful things, we accomplish our goals because regardless of whatever issue we raise, the administration supports us 100 percent. That makes a world of difference in our work.”

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# 2013 Voters Guide

Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters from Districts 2 and 4 will cast their ballots for their legislators on June 29, 2013. Those two races, between Thersa Adame and Jon Boursaw (District 4) and Eva Marie Carney and Anthony Cole (District 2) are the only races being contested this year.

Tribal members in the country’s Southeast will choose between incumbent Eva Marie Carney and challenger Anthony Cole for District 2’s legislative seat. Carney is running for her third term, having served as the district’s representative since her electoral victory in the 2008 elections. Cole, of New Orleans, had sought the district’s seat in 2008.

In the other contested race, incumbent Theresa Adame and Jon E. Boursaw will again contend for Kansas’ District 4 legislative spot. Adame, defeated the former U.S. Air Force colonel in the 2009 election and is a two time incumbent



## District 2



Eva Carney - Incumbent, District 2

### Why did you originally decide to run for the CPN legislature?

It was a great opportunity to get more involved with the Nation. I felt my legal training and work experience – including drafting laws and rules, interpreting legislation, and advocating positions before government agencies and courts – gave me the skills to do the job. It has proven to be a great privilege to serve District #2 and the Potawatomi people. I have greatly expanded my Potawatomi connections and learned an incredible amount about our history and culture.

### What family are you from?

The Juneau family. I am descended from Josette Vieux Juneau, the mother of Narcisse Juneau. Narcisse served on the Tribe’s Business Committee and traveled from Kansas to scout out the original Oklahoma allotments in the late 1860s.

Many of my Potawatomi relatives settled in the Topeka, Kansas area; others travelled east to New Jersey, where I was born. One of my relatives (Joan M. Hrenchir from Berryton, Kansas) has self-published a terrific family history, titled “Eight Generation in Kansas, The Relatives and Descendants of Narcisse and Madeline (Yott) Juneau.” Potawatomi family names Juneau, Vieux, Yott and Bertrand, among others, are part of our family history.

The current political structure of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation was created in 2008 with the constitutional change, an event which created the legislature. What are your thoughts looking back over the first few years of having a CPN legislature?

I feel that we’ve accomplished a great deal in establishing procedures and structure for

our Legislative work. With the breadth of representation, we are now getting input and ideas from around the country. The Legislators have diverse opinions and backgrounds but share the common goal of doing right by our people and preserving our heritage and culture. I think the diversity results in a more expansive vision and even better decision-making than we had with the dedicated, but Oklahoma-centric, Business Committee.

I believe the Legislature has done well in embracing the vision of the Executive Team to grow our enterprises – we’ve been appropriately aggressive in pursuing new enterprises and cautious about our expenditures. And I am proud that the Legislature has fully supported increases to our tribal land base. This includes appropriating the funds to acquire properties that are in close proximity to our existing trust lands and authorizing petition to the U.S. government to move that land into trust for our Nation. rowing our tribal land base is extremely important, as it will give future generations of tribal leaders the flexibility to use the land for the health and welfare of the Potawatomi people.

I am also proud that the Legislature has consistently supported the Nation seeking funds to help protect our women and children who are victims of domestic violence. As a result, since 2009 the Nation has received more than \$2 million in grant funds from the Office of Violence Against Women that has been used by our dedicated staff from House of Hope and the FireLodge Youth and Family Services, among other programs, for legal assistance, police training and transitional housing for domestic violence victims and their children.

### Are there any new legislative initiatives you’d like to take up should you succeed in your reelection bid?

I would like to build a consensus for streamlining the election process to make it a “one-step” process. I think most of us agree that voting is something all citizens should be doing to

participate in the government. Yet voting in our elections isn’t straightforward for those who can’t cast their votes in person in Shawnee each June. If we can make this a “one-step” process so voters use an absentee ballot to both vote and certify their eligibility, we’d save the

I attend in Shawnee, other CPN tribal areas (for example, the Executive’s meetings and the Gatherings of Nations). District residents receive regular emails from me, if they’ve agreed to be on my mailing list (please send a note to [ecarney@potawatomi](mailto:ecarney@potawatomi).

*“I want to continue building a cohesive community in District 2. Seeing constituents connect and meet up together without my prompting has been one of the things I am very proud to have helped bring about during my time as their legislator.”*  
--Eva Marie Carney

Nation time and funds but most importantly I believe we would increase the level of participation in our Nation’s elections. I also look forward to working with my fellow Legislators on legislation to implement our newly acquired authority under the Violence Against Women Act for our court system to prosecute non-Natives who abuse women in our community.

### Over the course of your time in office, what have you seen as the biggest obstacle facing your constituents? How have you worked to address that?

I think the biggest obstacle is the fact that my constituents are distant from the Nation’s epicenter in Shawnee. If you are living far from Oklahoma it is difficult for many and impossible for others to participate in major cultural events such as the Family Reunion Festival, and it can be daunting to learn our history and language and to feel a full participant in our heritage from afar.

What I’ve tried to do is to make our history and heritage come alive for people in my District. I’ve done so by hosting meetings throughout District 2 with the help of many wonderful constituents. I communicate with fellow Potawatomis through social media like Facebook, and use my website ([www.evamariecarney.com](http://www.evamariecarney.com)) to provide cultural and language instruction information as well as information about any event

org to be added). My approach since first elected in 2008 has been to open myself to learning as much as I can about our Tribal operations, history, heritage, and culture and to “download” that information to other Potawatomis who are interested.

Living and working in the Washington, D.C. area also gives me ideas for expanding our knowledge of Native history, culture, and art. As a Legislator I have hosted seven constituent visits to the Smithsonian Museum of the Native American and to its Archives collection in nearby Maryland. (Photos of the more recent visits are posted to my website, under the Photos tab.) I also broadcast information about local conferences, Powwows, and programs on Native topics that may be of interest.

I view this outreach and communication as a critical part of my Legislative service. It also is personally very rewarding. Seeing expanded interest among District 2 residents in Potawatomi and Native culture and affairs and knowing that fellow Potawatomis are connecting with each other are sweet rewards. And learning last week that two tribal members who met at a local CPN meeting I hosted are planning their wedding is the sweetest reward yet. I can’t promise further successful matchmaking if elected to another term but I can and do promise to continue my active service for Jagenongen (all my relations).

## Anthony Cole - Challenger, District 2



### Why did you originally decide to run for the CPN legislature?

As a tribal member, my family received many benefits from the tribe in the form of health care, food, school supplies and employment. When I reflect back on my youth, it is not hard to see how being a tribal member greatly improved my quality of life. I have a strong desire to repay that generosity by helping improve the quality of life for others. I know that I can do a lot of good if I am elected to the legislature.

### What family are you from?

I am from the Yott family. My grandfather was Marvin Yott and I am the son of his daughter Sabrina.

### If you win, what is one major issue you’d like to address in your new role as legislator for your district?

One issue I would address is the district offices. These offices cost a lot of money and I don’t believe they are very useful. If elected, I will choose to not open a physical office, but instead, I will implement a virtual office that allows me to conduct tribal business anywhere in the world. I would work to have the cost savings reallocated to more useful projects

such as health screenings.

### What are some other issues facing voters in your district that you believe need to be addressed in the next legislative session?

Nearly every voter that I have

*“Legislators obviously have to be tribal representatives, but I’d like to see that also mean we advance the cultural knowledge of our constituents. A lot of Potawatomis, myself included, don’t know a lot about our culture, and as a legislator I’d like to expand our responsibilities in promoting that.”*  
-- Anthony Cole

talked to has asked about health care. Our tribe needs to come up with some creative ways to bring health care to the districts. I have floated the idea of performing routine health screenings at the tribal events, similar to the screenings offered during the family reunion. These screenings are low cost and could help alert our members to some serious health issues they may not know they have.

I love that we have an eagle aviary, I would support the continued success of that project. I would like to get the tribal saving certificate program up and running, I think it is a great opportunity for our tribal members. I would also support the expansion of the tax base on tribal property, allowing private business to lease land from us offers a huge return with very little investment.



District 4



Theresa Adame - Incumbent, District 4

Why did you originally decide to run for the CPN legislature?

I learned from an early age going to meetings a love for the tribe. Also, I have always been a person to take a leadership role and wanted to use my talents to help in forming the direction the tribe takes.

What family are you from?

I am from the Navarre family. My great grandmother was Julia Burns. My grandparents John and Viola Martin raised their family in Rossville.

The current political structure of the Citizen Potawatomi

"Growing up here in Kansas, we didn't have that strong sense of community as there is in Oklahoma or even compared to the Prairie Band. I wanted to develop those connections as a tribe like they had in Oklahoma. We are now interacting as a group through social media and our gatherings."  
-- Theresa Adame

Nation was created in 2008 with the constitutional change, an event which established the legislature. What are your thoughts looking back over the first few years of having a CPN legislature?

We have seen major changes since the new legislature has been in place. The amount of information going out to citizens is nothing like I have ever seen before. Everyone one the legislature works hard to stay informed and make sure citizens no matter how far they are from Oklahoma know what is happening day to day in the tribe. We have groups of people all over the U.S. chatting every day and discussing issues important to Native people.

We are also seeing increases in scholarships and benefits as more people learn what programs are available to them.

I think the most important roll this legislature has played is setting up its' roll for the future.

None of us will be around forever and great strides have been made to make sure the policies set forth today work for years to come.

Are there any new legislative initiatives you'd like to take up should you succeed in your reelection bid?

We are very fortunate in Kansas to be the only other district outside Oklahoma with a community center. In the last couple years we have added staff in the Senior Care Network and transportation. These would be the areas I would focus on if our needs for the area increase. I would like to continue to be a strong voice for Kansas and voting in a manner that balances the needs for citizens today and growing to meet the needs of the next generations.

Over the course of your time in office, what have you seen as the biggest obstacle facing your constituents? How have you worked to address that?

It would have to be their blood degree. So many citizens still are under the impression they are not enough native blood to qualify for health benefits at clinics, scholarships and other grants.

I do not know that I would call it an obstacle but the fact that we are almost 30,000 strong and growing can be a challenge. I have mentioned several times in this article working for the future. I never dreamed when I sat in meetings as a child we would be where we are today. As we grown in numbers our benefits for our people will continue to be our biggest priority. I know the legislature is up to the challenge and have been excited to be a part of its' formation.

Jon Boursaw - Challenger, District 4



Why did you originally decide to run for the CPN legislature?

I have wanted to be part of the CPN Legislature since the amendment to the constitution which created it was first passed. However, when the first elections were held in 2008 I

was working for the Nation in Oklahoma as the Director of the Cultural Heritage Center.

What family are you from?

I am a descendent of two Great-great Grandfathers, Joseph N. Bourassa and

Lewis H. Ogee. Both were Headmen in the Tribe in the 1860's and both signed the Treaties of 1861 and 1867.

If you win, what is one major issue you'd like to address in your new role as legislator for your district?

I think it is paramount that we strive to maintain the existing benefits and services that are available to the CPN members in District 4, while investigating the possibility of expanding or increasing these benefits and services and consider adding new ones that are determined to be needed and can be financially justified.

What are some other issues facing voters in your district that you believe need to be addressed in the next legislative session?

Having not served in the Legislature I am not aware of what issues are being or need to be considered in the next session, but the following are a few ideas that I think can be improved upon in during the next term:

- Be responsive to the questions and concerns of CPN members in District 4.

- Increase the exposure and availability in the Topeka office.

- Hold frequent area meetings in

various locations within District 4.

- Improve the dissemination of information regarding actions and issues being addressed by the Legislature that affect the CPN members in District 4.

- Publicize a list of CPN members who have businesses and services in District 4.

committed to support initiatives that meet the following criteria:

- That are within the scope of the Constitution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

- That are fair and equitable and in best interest of the CPN members in District 4.

"I've demonstrated proven leadership as a manager in public and private service. I think that my duty as a legislator would be to ensure that the benefits of tribal membership are available for our constituents in a timely manner." --  
Jon Boursaw

- Use the Representative's column in the Hownikan to publicize accomplishments and activities of CPN members in District 4.

Aside from some differences, what are some current legislative initiatives that you will continue to support should you win?

Although I'm not currently serving in the Legislature I have gone online to review the actions that the Legislature has considered in its past several meetings. However, I am not aware of what current legislative initiatives are being considered. Even so, I am

- That are fair and equitable and in best interest of all CPN members.

- That enhance the enrichment and understanding of the CPN culture and traditions

Voting for legislature and budget to commence June 29 at Family Festival

District 1's, incumbent Roy Slavin, District 3's incumbent Robert Whistler and Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett are unopposed in the 2013 election.

Also on the ballot is the 2013-2014 Set Aside Fund budgett.

Chairman Barrett will be entering his eighth term as the tribe's head executive. He has held the post since 1985 and will serve another four year term of office following the election's certification.

Barrett last defended his incumbency in 2009 and has overseen the tribe's extensive development as a financial and business entity while bolstering services for tribal members.

During his tenure, the tribe has opened new revenue streams such as the Firelake Grand Casino, Iron Horse Industrial Park and has established the tribe as Pottawatomie County's largest employer.

CPN members in District 1 will continue to be served by Slavin who will be serving his second full

term after having won the 2008 electoral race by just one vote.

Robert Mitchell Whistler, a two time candidate who will serve as District 3 representative for members living in eastern and central Texas.

How To Vote

In-person voting will commence June 29 at during the annual CPN Family Festival. Polling stations are located in the Tribal Court, which sits inside the CPN Administration Building.

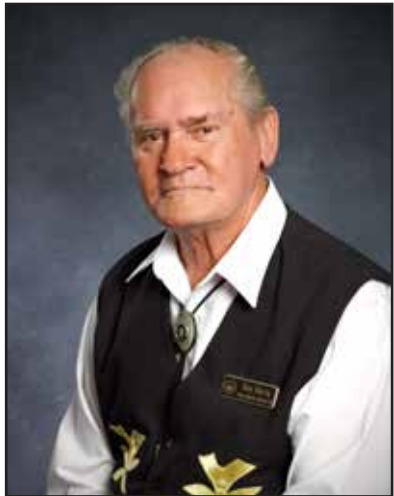
For thos unable to travel to Festival, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee began mailing absentee ballot request forms out on March 1, 2013. If you have not gotten an absentee ballot request form, please contact the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Election Board at (405) 275-3121 or 1-800-880-9880 or email them at elections@potawatomi.org.





# Legislative Columns

## District 1 - Roy Slavin



Our District 1 area meeting April 20 at Branson, Mo. was

a great success thanks to all of you who attended. A special thanks to Jamie Moucka for choosing such a beautiful location. These area gatherings are a great opportunity to renew acquaintances with District 1 members and meet new friends.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Chairman Barrett's power point presentation on tribal history and current tribal activities and Vice Chairman Capp's explanation of tribal benefits, very important information for all tribal members.

The highlight of this meeting for me was the naming ceremony held after the meeting. I had the honor of giving names

to 3 district members. In all, four people received their names. Eva Marie Carney, the District 2 representative, named a tribal member as well.

As I write this my wife Julia is busy packing for another District 1 and 2 areas meeting, this one to be held in Baltimore on May 4. So far it has been a busy spring and promises to be a busy summer with one more meeting for District 1 and District 4 May 18 in Overland Park, Kans. Following that is the family reunion festival in June and the 19th annual Potawatomi gathering hosted by the Pokagon Band Potawatomi at Dowagiac, Mich. from Aug. 5-11. Dowagiac is near the University

of Notre Dame which also has an extensive Potawatomi history.

On another note a recent article in Indian Country magazine caught my attention. It was about ancient Indian trails marked by oddly shaped trees. While deer hunting in the woods behind my cabin at the Lake of the Ozarks during the late 1950s, I found what I believe to be one of these markers. It was about a foot or so in diameter at the base. It grew vertical for about two feet then horizontal for about 3 feet or so then vertical again. The premise being that the ancients bent the small trees to mark the direction of the trail or direction to a place. I had read of these markers previously so

was pretty sure of what I had found. And you thought we moderns had invented GPS.

I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If you do not receive e-mail or regular mail from me it is because I do not have your contact information. If you are in the northeast quarter of the U.S. you are in District 1. Due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide me with your information. Please send it to me at Roy Slavin 6730 Tower drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64151 or call toll free 1-888-741-5767 or Rslavin@potawatomi.org

Igwen (heartfelt thanks)

Netagtege (Always Planting)

## District 2 - Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikan/Hello friends,

**Washington Redtails?** This week's news on washingtonpost.com is that a District of Columbia Council member is preparing to introduce a resolution calling on the Redskins to change its name, perhaps to the Washington Redtails. The Council member is pursuing the resolution saying the current name is "a derogatory, racist name..." and "Washington's name has been dishonored by association with the word 'Redskin's'."

You may ask, why Redtails? The resolution notes that Redtails was the nickname used by the Tuskegee Airmen, the pioneering aviation unit that broke the color barrier for U.S. military pilots in World War II.

I find this an appealing name that would replace derogation of one group with honor for another. Plus, as the introducing Council member noted in an interview "You can still keep the feather." A bird of prey would be a fitting symbol for the Washington area-based team, and it can't hurt that according to the San Diego Zoo, "The fierce, screaming cry of the Red-tailed Hawk is frequently used as a generic raptor sound effect in television shows and other media, even if the bird featured is not a Red-tailed Hawk."

What are your thoughts?

**New Permitting and CPN Feather Distribution.**

I am thrilled to tell you that the Nation now has its own

eagle feather permitting and distribution process. Our Eagle Aviary gives the CPN the means to save this bird that flies closest to the Creator and to reconnect our people to the living eagle and its ways. Our eagles molt all of their feathers every year so there are and will continue to be feathers to distribute. To apply for your CPN-issued eagle feather permit and/or your own Aviary eagle feathers, please go to potawatomi.org, under Culture, and find the relevant information and applications. It is an honor and an obligation to possess eagle feathers – the posted information counsels on caring for and honoring eagle feathers.

### District 2 News.

#### Tennessee:

About 60 of us came to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to share our interest in the Nation and its heritage and future, meet our Potawatomi neighbors, as well as eat lunch and swap information. The meeting had a family reunion flavor and was great fun. Tenn., Ala., Ky., Texas, Mo. and Va. all were represented. Henry Byler (Byler family) of Knoxville was recognized as our wisest attendee, Alanna K. (Lewis family) of Nashville as our youngest enrolled Potawatomi, and Linda Smith (Melott family) of Hatchechubbee, Ala. travelled the farthest. Legislators Roy Slavin (District 1 (Northeast and Midwest) and Bob Whistler (District 2, Texas), attended with their spouses and provided their perspectives throughout the meeting discussion (and helped with the organization of the space and the cleanup). Diana Bell (Young family) helped me out tremendously by finding the meeting site, engaging the caterer, and serving as our Murfreesboro "hostess-with-the-mostest". Diana worked very hard readying and serving the food and cleaning up. My sweet husband Alan Cohen helped us out throughout the day and took the photos posted to my website evamariecarney.com and on Facebook. We hope to return in late summer or early fall to assist the Byler family with a family naming ceremony; if you are able to travel to the

Knoxville area and are interested in attending a naming ceremony or in receiving your name, please get in touch with me.

**Missouri/Arkansas:** In mid-April, CPN members from Mo. and Ark. came to Branson for a meeting hosted by Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman Capps. Jamie Kindt from District 2 was honored as the wisest in attendance and Peggy Pettifer Hill, also from District 2, was the farthest traveled (she lives in the "other Murfreesboro"). A Juneau cousin of mine from Springfield, Mo. was the meeting's youngest attendee. Quite a few legislators turned out in addition to Rocky Barrett, Linda Capps and me: Roy Slavin (District 1), Theresa Adame (District 4), Bobbie Bowden (Okla.) and Dave

For an audio of the song, and a copy of the words in Potawatomi and English, you can visit <http://mrziegler.com/morning.html>.

**Maryland:** In early May, I got to meet up with quite a few Potawatomi during the Baltimore, Md. Tribal Executive-hosted meeting at the downtown Hotel Monaco. I was given the floor to speak about the upcoming election and to encourage District 2 voters to request ballots and vote in droves, and my election opponent attended the meeting and also spoke. Lovely Lenore (Tescier) Dusold, who I'd enjoyed meeting during our New Jersey meeting at the end of 2011, received a gorgeous Pendleton blanket as the wisest attendee, and her adorable great granddaughter Alannah snuggled



Lenore (Tescier) Dusold, her great-granddaughter Alannah Funk and Michael and Amanda Funk at the Baltimore regional meeting.

Barrett (Okla.). Tribal Rolls Director Chuck Clark provided enrollment assistance and tribal identification cards, and Public Affairs Director/ Hownikan Editor Jennifer Hardesty took photos. We also held a naming ceremony overlooking Table Rock Lake. I was honored to name David Shanks, a fellow Juneau now living in Tulsa, Okla. and to assist Legislator Roy Slavin with the ceremony. With Chairman Barrett and I keeping the beat with his drum and shaker, the large group of Potawatomis and our families and friends offered a rousing rendition of The Morning Song to introduce the four newly-named Potawatomi.

up with her own gift blanket as the youngest attendee. (Tesciers filled two tables at the meeting.) Paul Rose, who came from San Diego to join the Virginia Pettifers at the meeting, was recognized as farthest travelled. (Pettifers filled up yet another table.) The Chairman offered his thoughtful perspective on Potawatomi history and our Nation's future and Mrs. Capps briefed the group on events in Shawnee and tribal benefits. Chuck Clark, Tribal Rolls Director, and John VanPool, Asst. Director of Public Information, also travelled from Shawnee to assist, answer questions, and take photos.

**District of Columbia:** Please consider a trip to our Nation's capital on Saturday, June 15th, for a Tour and Lunch at the Embassy of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C. Our guide will be CPN member Mark Carter, an NCAI attorney-fellow. We will have a chance to really visit together. Please RSVP to me at [ecarney@potawatomi.org](mailto:ecarney@potawatomi.org) or 1.866.961.6988.

**Maryland (once again):** We will have another opportunity to tour the Potawatomi items in the archives of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, in Suitland, Md. on Friday, September 27, 2013. This will be the fourth visit I've organized but it surely never gets old with so much history on view. For a preview of what is in store, please view the photos of our most recent visit in March 2012 on my website, [evamariecarney.com](http://evamariecarney.com).

**Candidate Statements, Request for Your Vote and Your Thoughts:** Now posted on [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org) as a News & Events "Top Story" is a Voter's Guide to the District 2 election, with a Q&A from me and my opponent in the election – I hope you will review the answers and cast your vote for me in the upcoming election. Please don't forget that you will need to return your absentee ballot request form and then complete and mail in the actual ballot once it comes in the mail. Thank you for your consideration of this personal request for your vote – I hope that you will exercise your right as a CPN citizen to vote for your elected officials. Please contact me to share your thoughts and for any assistance you might need.

*Migwetch*/thank you for the honor of representing you.

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## District 3 - Robert Whistler



Bozho,

First my thanks to those of you who attended our April 27 inter-tribal scholarship workshop. My congratulations to Renee Schuier who was the winner of

the iPad that we gave away as one of the many door prizes. The American Indian Chamber as well as our Nation and the Cherokee Nation Foundation may join forces again in the fall for another workshop.

Now for those of you who plan on coming to our Family Festival June 28-30, we look forward to seeing all of you there.

For those who will make this their first trip, there is much in store in the way of things to do, and new areas that have just been constructed, like the new bowling alley, new baseball fields, a rework of our golf course, and the new hotel that abuts the Grand Casino on Interstate 40. Also don't miss going to the new eagle aviary that opened last year. Be sure to take the various tours that will be offered, and participate

in the various craft workshops offered. I will leave some of the other items available for my peers to highlight in their columns this month.

We have a new medical facility that is by the Grand Casino, and it was built specifically to take care of our spouses and employees who are not Native Americans. We have a great dental facility and just last month I stopped by while in Shawnee. I noticed they have an Oral B Superior Clean 5000 electric toothbrush that normally sells for about \$200 retail. They are offering it for \$78 along with a \$20 rebate. If you have a need for this item, here is a way to support the clinic and get yourself a good deal.

Last month I mentioned that for Grand Entry, all that is

needed is a shawl for women and either a ribbon shirt or sash for men. The gift shop at the Cultural Heritage Center is stocking up on these items at very reasonable prices.

While I was in Shawnee, I did notice that the gift shop now has almost a whole wall of Potawatomi arts and crafts. This is very new! I was impressed with the variety and volume of merchandise they have on-hand. One of the things I noticed in the past is that we haven't had a lot of CPN art and craft items that could be purchased. Be sure to stop in and take a look at what they have. You may find an item that will be a keepsake in the years to come.

Finally, on Saturday of the festival, if you haven't voted, be sure to go to the administrative

area and cast your vote. While I may be running unopposed, your vote is very important and you need to vote on the funds for the prospective budget for next year.

I hope to see you at Family Festival. It is an honor to serve you as your elected official and I am just a phone call or email away. Should you need information, a question or whatever regarding CPN, please contact me.

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District 4 - Theresa Adame



Bozho,

This article was supposed to run the first week in April but because of a glitch, my January article was reprinted. You probably wondered why a picture of my father and daughter were in the last newspaper. I hope you enjoy a little of my family history.

I decided to write this article a little early as this has been on my mind for some time. I want to dedicate this month article to “Skunk” and Jimmie Lillard. I never knew them, in fact I don’t even know Skunks’ given name. I have just heard my dad talk

about them every time we hear the National Anthem. He will say “remember Skunk and Jimmie”. He didn’t even know them personally, they were the home town boys of Rossville, Kan. who didn’t come back from the war.

Dad never talked much about his own service in the Army. He would talk about being sea sick on the boat to Germany and home sick. But his story of the army seemed more of a love story for me as a child. He talked about coming home when my sister was born and when he came home on leave a year later she was asked “where’s daddy?”

To her daddy was the picture on the end table not the man standing in front of her in uniform. He talked about the birth of his second child months after his leave from the Army...oops, did I just say that? His memories were of the people he left behind not the work he did abroad.

Lately though, he has been talking about his brothers. You see, the Martin family had their own “band of brothers”, like the famous HBO series. My grandmother had four sons



serving, and for years I saw their picture hanging on her wall every time I visited. My Uncle James (Air Force), Uncle John (Marine Corps), Uncle Bob and my dad Raymond (Army).

The fifth son, if you will, was Harold, an uncle by marriage to my Aunt Nona Martin Haltom. He is grandfather to Randy Schlachtan who works for CPN and many other tribal citizens. We would listen to his stories as a child and they were not the love stories of my dad’s (but he did have 9 kids). What I learned from him was that you could overcome anything you set your mind to. We saw the wounds on his legs and he would tell of being in the military hospital. He told us that every day, the doctor and nurses would dress his wounds and tell him he would never walk. Then every night he would pull himself out of bed and with the support of the bed frame, stand up. Then back in bed and in the morning be told the same thing. For me as a child, it was not the heroism that put him in the bed, but what got him out of the bed that stood out to me

The military tradition has been passed on to another generation. My daughter is a sergeant in the

US Army 35th Infantry Division Band. A memory I will always have is when my dad traveled with my husband and I to Fort Jackson for her basic training graduation. His pride as they marched in formation to the song he marched to so many years ago.

Many of the details of their service have been forgotten, but let us not forget what our military servants have done and continue to do today. When we are celebrate Memorial Day, remember Skunk and Jimmie and all those brothers and sisters who have served and are serving in our armed forces today and pass their stories on.

We are in the middle of campaign season for the tribe. It is a simple procedure to request a ballot but I am still surprised how few people do. Please return those cards and be a part of the process.

As always I appreciate that you entrust me to be your representative and am happy to serve you in any way possible.

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District 5 - Gene Lambert



Hello,

It is time for “Festival”. Are you planning to be there? I certainly hope you are as I look forward to seeing each of you all year.

It is a family reunion!! I speak of this every year too.

The reason it comes up so often is that it occurs to me some do not understand the fact that we celebrate families each year for what they have done and what they are doing

toward keeping us strong.

The book called “Roots and Wings” speaks of it best, as it talks about how we are rooted and how we can also fly.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is second to none, nor are its people!

It is about you and the family you came from. Plan to be there if at all possible and I promise you will walk away knowing more about who “you” are!

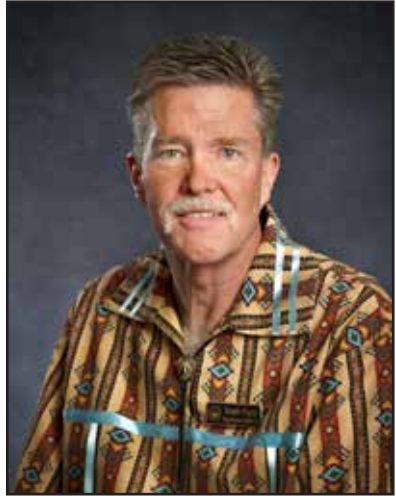
Take the time to say hello to each of your family members as you parade through the lands you now can call “home”.

Love you all and we will see you soon!!

Gene Lambert

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District 6 - Rande Payne



Bozho Nikan,

I hope this month’s column finds you and yours doing well. This has been a busy month for me with a kitchen remodel at the restaurant. We have installed 10 feet of new hood to accommodate new cooking equipment. We’ve added a 60 inch grill, a char broiler and another fryer. We’ve also tiled the entire kitchen floor. For pie baking, we’ve gone from two ovens to four. Kim loves her new kitchen! Having the additional capacity makes her life a lot less stressful and on

peak days our customers are getting their food much quicker! Long hours and hard work but the dividends are already paying off.

I want to take the time this month to catch up on a little housekeeping.

As you know, on Saturday, June 29, 2013, Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will elect a Chairman and four members of the Nation’s legislature. Representatives for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be elected. The winners will serve new four-year terms. The June election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest and earnings from the Nation’s Set-Aside Funds.

A Ballot Request Period began on March 1, 2013 and will end on June 9, 2013. There will be in-person voting from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the courtroom in the CPN administration building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 for the Chairman’s position, the four legislative positions, and the Set-Aside Funds Budget.

All members who are eligible to

vote in the 2013 election should have received their Absentee Ballot Request Forms mailed out by The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee. Additionally, to assist in CPN voters’ obtaining an absentee ballot, a Ballot Request Form has been published in recent editions of the Hownikan.

Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots can obtain one by mailing back the postage-paid request form that was mailed to them or clipping the request form from the HowNiKan and mailing it to the Election Committee at Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Voters who cast an absentee ballot will not be able to vote in-person in Shawnee on June 29, 2013. However, if a voter obtains an Absentee Ballot then decides to vote in person, the Election Committee can verify whether the absentee ballot has been returned. If it has not been, the member will be allowed to vote in person.

2013. Voted absentee ballots must arrive in the Election Committee’s post office box in Tecumseh, Oklahoma no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2013.

I would also like to remind District 6 members that we are only voting for Tribal Chairman and the Set-Aside Funds Budget. Even though Chairman Barrett is running unopposed, I would still encourage you to participate in the election. The Set-Aside Funds Budget has been reviewed by the Legislature and I believe it to be sound and fiscally responsible. Our right to vote is one of the most important rights we have as tribal members.

“Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.” – John Quincy Adams

In last month’s column I wrote about the Family Reunion Festival. I would like to remind everyone that isn’t already attending to strongly consider making the trip to Shawnee. I promise you will not be disappointed. There’s a lot going on and there’s a lot to see

and do. I would love to connect with you if possible. I will leave my cell phone number with Mary Powell at the Receptionist desk of the Cultural Heritage Center. Please call me if you have any questions or need help with anything or if you would just like to visit! I will do my best to help make the event as enjoyable as possible for you.

I wanted to talk a little about eagle feathers this month but space is limited so it will have to be put off until next month.

Migwetch!

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

Bama pi,

Rande K. Payne / Mnedo Gabo

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District 7 - Mark Johnson



Bozho,

The Family Reunion Festival is here. This year's Festival starts Friday June 28 and runs through Sunday June 30. The Honored

Families for 2013 are the Johnson, Lafromboise, LaReau, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld and Young families. Check the nation’s website for a schedule of events and activities, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

As a reminder, the Tribal Scholarship Program provides financial assistance for payment of tuition for tribal members pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees, vocational technical career courses, or any other accredited education program. Summer session applications and paperwork were due June 1 and fall semester applications are due August 1, Spring/Winter applications are due December 1. It is never too early to get them filled out. For full time students, up to \$1,500

is available, and for part-time students up to \$750 is available. Also remember that students who receive a Tribal Scholarship are also eligible to receive \$675 for the fall and spring semesters from the Student Housing Assistance Program to assist with living expenses.

The Affordable Care Act will soon be fully implemented and there are important provisions that apply to Native Americans. There is no penalty if an American Indian or Alaska Native decides to not purchase insurance coverage. But if you do decide to purchase insurance through one of the Insurance Exchanges, there are important benefits for you. Your insurance premiums will cost less if you have an income up to \$89,000

for a family of four, or \$112,000 in Alaska. There are no out-of-pocket costs (co-pays or deductibles) if you use an Indian Health Service clinic with your insurance). And there are no out-of-pocket costs with any health care provider if your income is under \$67,000 for a family of four. I encourage you to visit the Indian Health Service website for more information. www.ihs.gov

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send

me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

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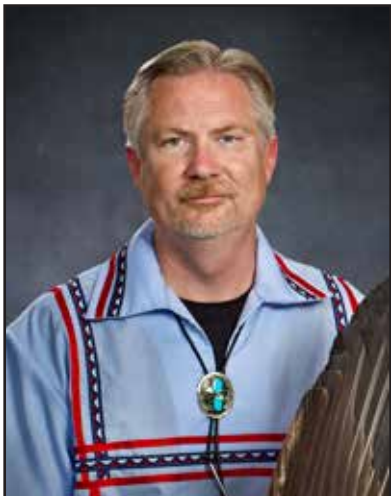
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# Legislative Columns

## District 8 - Dave Carney



Bozho, Nikan –

It was a long winter and it’s been a schizophrenic spring in the Pacific Northwest. We’ve had a couple of teaser days of

summer-like weather and then we’ve been jarred back into winter. Regardless of the temperature, I’m sure many of you are spending your weekends like me: pressure washing, clearing, pruning and getting ready for a summer garden.

Summer planning includes the Family Festival the last weekend in June and some District 8 gatherings that are in the making:

**July 27** - Eugene, Ore. at the Hilyard Center 5:00-8:30 with dinner at 6 p.m. Details to follow, but a naming ceremony may be planned in conjunction with this event.

**August 31** - Spokane, Wash. at the Southside Community Center 5:00 to 8:00 dinner at

6:00 - possible naming at 8:00pm

The details of these meetings will be coming your way by e-mail and postcard as they develop.

The District 8 annual Fall Feast is also being planned. Save the date of November 16th! We will be meeting in Seattle, Wash. In fact, we will be meeting at the Duwamish Long House and Culture Center. Seattle was named after the Duwamish chief Si’ahl.

Ironically, the Duwamish tribe is suing the federal government for recognition--asking to reverse a 2001 Bureau of Indian Affairs decision that the tribe had “gone extinct”. The Duwamish Tribe was recognized at the end of the Clinton administration—only to have that positive

determination overturned by the incoming Bush administration.

Please see [www.duwamishtribe.org](http://www.duwamishtribe.org) to learn how you can help/contribute to their battle.

Speaking of meetings, we had a really great gathering on April 6 in Vancouver with over 100 in attendance. The Executive branch gave presentations and graciously allowed me to give a brief power point presentation. We had good food, good company and a good spirit!

The whole event is available to view on DVD due to the skills of film maker and District 8 member, Joe Clark. If you are interested in buying a copy, please send a check for \$12.50 to Joe at PO Box 418 Somers, Montana 59932. This fee covers

the cost of the two DVDs, postage, etc. Many members who have not been able to have requested something like this in the past and I’m pleased that we have someone with those skills in our district.

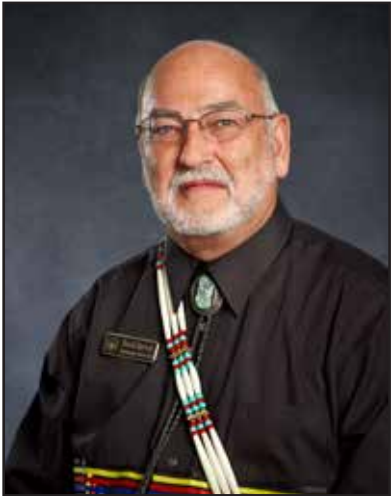
In closing, I’d like to say that I’m looking forward to seeing you at oneoftheeventsplannedthisyear.

Migwetch (Thank you) again for the honor of serving you,

Dave Carney/Kagashi

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## District 10 - David Barrett



Bozho,

What are we doing today for certain holidays? Do we know how these holidays came about?

When the United States Congress approved Mother’s Day in 1914, they designated it for the second Sunday in May, and required that the president proclaim the holiday every year. Indeed, within the United States, Mother’s Day continues to be highly commercialized. The National Retail Foundation estimates that Mother’s Day is a \$16 billion industry. U.S. restaurants claim that it is the busiest day of the year. Consumers spent an average

of \$152 per person on mom for Mother’s Day in 2012. According to Hallmark, 96 percent of American consumers shop on Mother’s Day, while retailers report it is the second highest gift giving day of the year behind Christmas.

I know we like how we celebrate and honor our mothers, but how did this actually come about and why?

In the 17th Century, a clerical decree in England broadened the celebration from one focused on the church and the Virgin Mary, to include real mothers, referring to the occasion as Mothering Day.

When the first English settlers came to America, they stopped celebrating Mothering Day. While the British holiday would live on, the American Mother’s Day would be invented- with an entirely new history- centuries later. One explanation for the settlers’ change was that they just didn’t have time; they lived under harsh conditions and were forced to work long hours in order to survive. Another possibility was that, the pilgrims who practiced a more conservative Christianity, ignored the more secular holidays, focusing instead on a no-frills devotion to God. For example, Christmas

and Easter were more somber occasions, usually taking place in a church that was stripped of all extraneous ornamentation.

The first North American Mother’s Day was conceptualized with Julia Ward Howe’s Mother’s Day Proclamation in 1870. Despite having penned the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” 12 years earlier, Howe had become so distraught by the death and carnage of the Civil War that she called on mother’s to come together and protest what she saw as the futility of their sons killing the sons of other mothers.

In 1873 women’s groups in 18 North American cities observed this new Mother’s holiday. Howe initially funded many of these celebrations, but most died out once she stopped footing the bill.

Despite the decided failure of her holiday, Howe nevertheless planted the seed that would blossom into what we know as Mother’s Day today. A West Virginia women’s group led by Anna Reeves Jarvis began to celebrate an adaptation of Howe’s holiday. In order to reunite families and neighbors that had been divided between the Union and Confederate sides of the Civil War, the group held a Mother’s Friendship Day.

After Anna Reeves Jarvis died, her daughter Anna M. Jarvis campaigned for the creation of an official Mother’s Day in remembrance of her mother and in honor of peace. On May 10, 1908, the first official Mother’s Day celebration took place at Andrew’s Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia and a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The West Virginia event drew a congregation of 407 and Anna Jarvis arranged for white carnation—her Mother’s favorite flower--- to adorn the patrons. Today, white carnations are used to honor deceased Mothers, white pink or red pay tribute to Mothers who are still alive.

By 1909 forty six states were holding Mother’s Day services as well as parts of Canada and Mexico.

Anna M Jarvis quit working and devoted herself full time to the creation of Mother’s Day, endlessly petitioning state governments, business leaders, women groups, churches and other institutions and organizations. In 1912 West Virginia became the first state to officially recognized Mother’s Day, and in 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second

Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.

By the time of Anna M Jarvis’s death in 1948, over 40 countries observed the Mother’s Day. Today that number exceeds 70.

Mother’s Day means a lot to me because it allows me the opportunity to setting aside a day to express one’s feelings to your mother, or the mother of your children, or possibly to great grandmothers. Mothers are great!

In summary, we sometimes take for granted some traditions that took time, energy and sacrifices in order for us to enjoy them today.

As always, I’m looking forward to forth coming festival. Hope to see and talk too many of you. Those of you who have attended in years past, you will see we haven’t been idle when you will see all the improvements that have taken place.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

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## District 12 - Paul Schmidlkefer



Bozho Nikan,

Here we are, either at the festival or looking at it coming up shortly. I think for a lot of people this is the one event they look forward to each year. I have watched for several years now as it has grown into quite a big deal. Certain parts always have high participation.

The one that always comes to mind first is the hand games. Seems almost every year I see more new folks joining in. It

might look a little intimidating at first. But after a couple rounds the teams get pretty serious about what is going on.

Another activity that has grown over the years is our grand entry. I especially enjoy seeing how it has evolved. I appreciate the work everyone has put into their regalia. I must admit I think the women have clearly exceled at this.

For any who have not made it, I encourage you to come out and see what you have been missing. There are activities almost all day

long. There are plenty of things for the kids to do, and of course the food. I know for myself and at least one member of the executive branch consuming a bratwurst has become a true Potawatomi tradition.

I hope to see many of you there. I have grown fond of my opportunity to see tribal members year after year and of course my many relatives also.

Bama pi,

Paul Schmidlkofer

# Anthony Cole

## Candidate - Citizen Potawatomi - District 2



### Who am I?

My Potawatomi name is Kokotni, I am a descendant of the Yott family which is a maternal branch of the Vieux family. I currently reside in New Orleans where I own an interactive media company. I currently serve as President of the St. Bernard Kiwanis Club and I am very active in my community.

### Where do I come from?

I was born in Durant OK and raised in Madill OK. After high school, I joined the United States Marine Corps where I specialized in aviation logistics and data processing. After being honorably discharged, I used the G.I. Bill to earn a degree in Computer Science from the Southeast College of Technology.

### Why am I running for office?

I am running for office as a way to give back for all that I have received as a Native American. While growing up my family fell on many hard times, it was the generosity of the Potawatomi, Choctaw and Chickasaw that helped us in our time of need. Because we belonged to the Potawatomi, my family was provided food, medical care, school supplies and jobs. I credit this assistance for my current success and feel strongly that I must repay that generosity in the form of community service.

### What will I do if elected?

- Keep you informed of all tribal matters in a format that is easy to understand and readily available.
- Aggressively promote our heritage and culture by leveraging technology to educate our members and bridge our geographic divide.
- Support and encourage community service within our district. Community service is important and I want to organize an “all district” community service project each year.
- Improve your quality of life. I will work to expand our tribal services and think of new innovative ways to offer more services to our members that do not live in Oklahoma.



Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett



Bozho, Nikan and Migwetch, (Hello, my friends)

Vice Chairman Capps and I just returned from our annual Area Gathering in the Washington, D.C. area. The meeting was held this time in Baltimore at the Monaco Hotel which is in the restored Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad corporate offices built in 1905-6. It was a very nice meeting and we saw quite a few tribal members and shared a meal, talked about our families and looked at pictures of the Nation's latest projects. As we do each year after the Area Gathering, we meet with the members of Congress from Oklahoma to promote ideas and legislation that will help our people and tribe, as well as oppose those proposed new laws and acts of the government that will hurt us. This year we met two newly elected members of

the House of Representatives, Congressman Jim Bridenstine and Congressman MarkWayne Mullin.

Mullin, a plumbing company owner and Republican, won his first election in November to the 2nd Congressional District, capturing the eastern Oklahoma congressional seat that has long been controlled by Democrats. He took his oath of office in January to his first term. He and fellow Oklahoma freshman Rep. Jim Bridenstine, R-Tulsa, have been among a small minority of House members casting votes against aid to states affected by Hurricane Sandy last year. Congressman Mullin received death threats by mail that month which is deplorable. He was elected as a conservative by a very conservative district. He believes that his votes are reflective of, and in the best interests of, his constituents. I expressed to him that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation embodies many of the philosophical tenants that conservative Republicans espouse:smaller government,less interference in local government by the federal government, less dependence on federal funds, self-reliance, self-governance, and frugal economics. Our meeting was brief since he was in the House Interior Committee meeting and stepped out to greet me. He is an affable and approachable young man that I hope will be a friend to the CPN.

Congressman Jim Bridenstine sat

with us in his office personally, along with his key staff, and Vice Chairman Capps and I felt it was an excellent meeting. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University and was impressed with our partnerships with OBU. He called yesterday to confirm a visit to the Nation in a few weeks. Representative Bridenstine is also a conservative Republican and during our conversations asked why the perception in the Congress and in most of the public is that Indian Tribes are all Democrats. I told him that many tribes spend most of their efforts in Congress trying to get more federal money from "minority services" type programs, but that is not the case with the CPN. I told him we are neither Democrat nor Republican, but we are conservative in financial matters, very liberal in helping elders and funding education, and very, very conservative in our belief that both the federal government and state governments have a Constitutional directive to leave us alone to govern ourselves. I look forward to developing our friendship with Congressman Bridenstine.

As has been the case from our first introduction, I admire Congressman James Lankford (R-5th District, Oklahoma) and appreciate the job he is doing for us and our local communities. We had a great meeting with an open exchange of ideas. We discussed the progress on the railroad connection we are building at our Iron Horse Industrial Park

and the future resolution of the Mission Hill Hospital property issue. He personally interceded on our behalf with the Corps of Engineers to expedite the permit for repair of the railroad bridge approach by A-OK Railroad across the North Canadian River. As a result, the bridge is now back in service, after over 20 years of ruin, and the A-OK Railroad has driven its locomotive to the east side of the river to the point we will be building our railroad connection. This will be essential in our future pre-cast concrete bridge component business. Thank you, Congressman Lankford and A-OK!

We also met with staff members of Congressman Frank Lucas, and the staff of Senator James Inhofe. As we did with every Member of Congress we visited, we presented our case for conservative solutions to Indian issues, especially banking opportunities in Oklahoma Indian Country and resolution of the conflicts between state and tribal legal jurisdictions.

Most federal elected officials are not familiar with our problems in leveraging our capital investments as all other corporate entities are allowed to do. We are denied any kind of leverage. All “brick and mortar” capital is now frozen in Indian Country – trust land improvements cannot be mortgaged because of BIA trust policy. Because of this, huge development and lending opportunities are lost

in Oklahoma. The solution is a leasehold mortgage. The new Hearth Act federal statute allows tribes to have more authority over Indian trust land leases now under BIA restriction. With slight modification, the Act will create many significant lending opportunities for our First National Bank.

Congress also needs to amend the federal tax statute to allow tribes to take a Subchapter S election on a state or federal C corporation, and domesticate it in Oklahoma to place it under state law. This would provide a level of confidence to both lenders and non-Indian joint venture partners. This is necessary to the CPN, as well. We need to be able to operate a company in which the capital contributed by the Tribe to the corporation sets the limit of its liability under state law, and allows equitable treatment in a common court.

Sorry about the long technical explanation. The gist of the whole dialog is this: we are optimistic about the future in our dealings with Congress. We believe that what we are asking is in line with what they believe.

Thank you the privilege of serving as your Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,

John Rocky Barrett, Keweoge (He Leads Them Home)

Vice Chairman - Linda Capps



First Nations Athletic Association Union

In an update on my previous story about our First Nations Athletic Association Union (AAU), *Tracy Peltier, General Manager of FireLake Resort*, has been named as a board member to the First Nations organization. It is a position that is viewed with utmost respect and honor. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s endeavors with AAU are in the initial stages this year with promise to grow. I predict the First Nation’s games will be a major event for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and other tribes in the state of Oklahoma within the next five years.

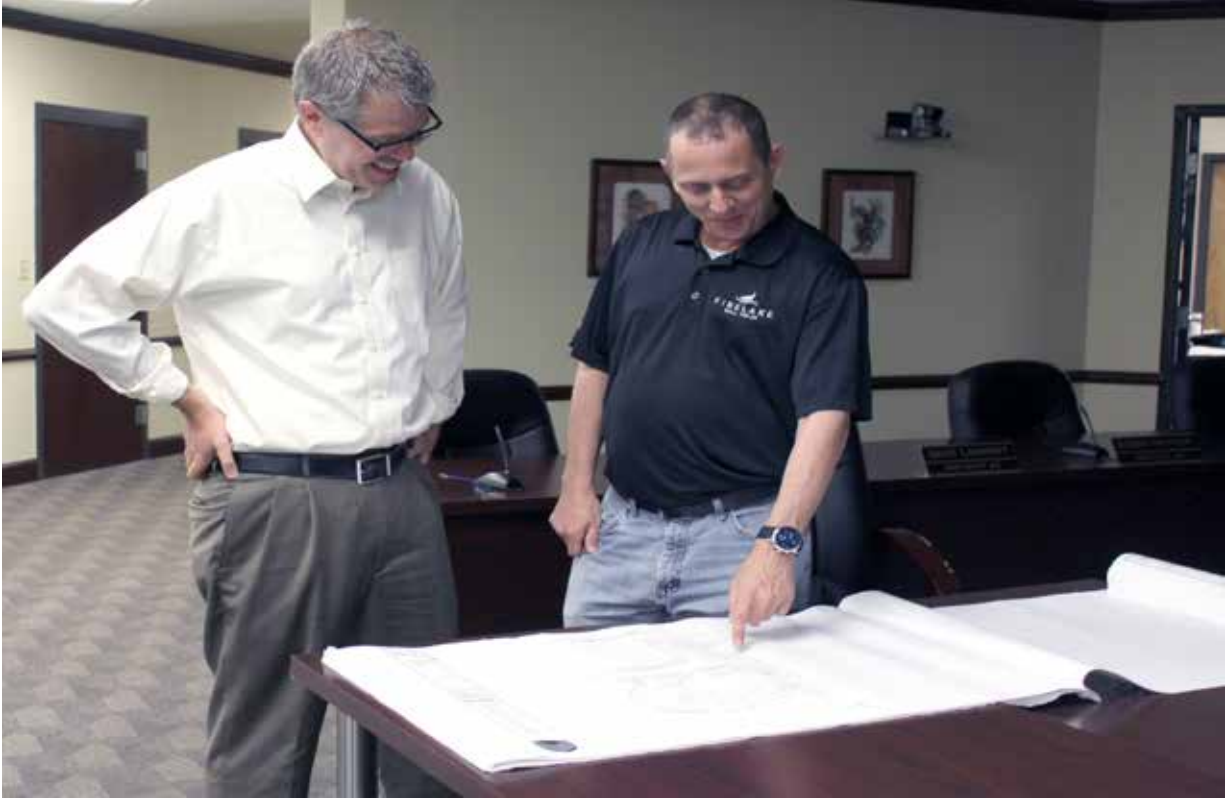
The games that have been chosen for Oklahoma’s first AAU Native American competition will be held at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation facilities on August 2-4. The events taking place here will be golf, softball, baseball, and bowling. Tracy Peltier and his

team members will be working out the times, ages, and other scheduling details within the next few weeks. Letters will soon be sent to Indian Education Directors in the public schools and tribal youth groups.

The age brackets, game times, and specific locations will be announced in the next Hownikan and online at Potawatomi.org. Oklahoma’s first ever AAU Native American games is an effort that will expand and flourish throughout the state. When Native American youth learn of the opportunity to compete in AAU games in this exclusive manner, I believe it will be a tremendously popular. Actually, the AAU organization will enhance the ability of our Native American youth to showcase their God-given athletic talents. Having five young grandsons of my own who each love to participate in various sports, I have embraced the AAU First Nation’s concept with enthusiasm.

Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations

Another topic that I wish to include this month regards the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations. *I want to welcome and encourage you to consider riding the Citizen Potawatomi Nation sponsored bus to the Gathering.* This year marks the 19th Annual Gathering and will be held at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi’s Rodgers Lake property in Dowagiac, Michigan;



Mike Miller (left) and Tracy Peltier review construction documents

the heart of the ancestral Potawatomi homelands. The dates are August 8-11, 2013. The bus will leave from Potawatomi Headquarters on Tuesday, August 6 and will return on August 12.

I will be visiting the Title VI programs at both headquarters and McLoud in the next couple of weeks to encourage tribal members to ride the bus to the Gathering. There is no charge for the bus ride; however, you are responsible for your food and lodging. I believe the bus ride and the trip to the Gathering can

be a great experience, one that is very enjoyable and rewarding. The Gathering is a grand time to visit, relax, and learn about both Potawatomi traditions and present day practices.

You may want to contemplate the possibility of joining the group at various bus stops during the trip. In other words, you may not have to drive to Oklahoma to catch the bus. If the bus is traveling your way, there may be a chance for you to meet it in route to Michigan. If this idea tweaks your interest or if you want to discuss the

Gathering trip in general, please contact Cathie Hanson at 405-275-3121 or 1-800-880-9880.

I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

If you have a question or a comment, please contact me at lcapps@potawatomi.org,

405-275-3121 or 1-800-880-9880.

District #2 Legislator Eva Marie Carney

REQUESTS YOUR VOTE

It has been my privilege to serve as the District #2 Legislator since the position was created in 2008 by a vote of the people. I am proud that, even as we continue to grow in numbers, our Nation continues to be in the financial position to support the medical and education needs of our elders, disabled, and youth through our Health Aid, Pharmacy, Scholarship and Potawatomi Leadership programs. I hope to continue my work on the Legislature and contribute to ensuring our continued financial success and sense of community.

*I can only do so with the votes of citizens in District #2. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election.*



Migwetch/thank you for your consideration of this personal request for your vote and for exercising your right as a CPN citizen to vote for your elected officials. Please contact me to share your thoughts and for any assistance you might need.

(Photo taken during Grand Entry during the 2012 Family Reunion Festival)

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Debra Kay Wall

Debra Kay Wall was born to Bob and Elva (Weld) Wall on March 2, 1957 in Pauls Valley, Okla. She passed peacefully in her home after a prolonged illness on March 7, 2013.

Debra attended grade school at Vanoss from 1965 - 1974, before she and her family moved back to Pauls Valley. She graduated from Pauls Valley High School in 1975. Some of her favorite memories were of spending a summer with her Aunt Doris and Uncle Carl sailing the eastern coast line in their sailboat. Debra served in the Army National Guard, earning a rank of SPC 4 and serving as a machinist. She worked for Brown-n-Root, in College Station, Texas for several years. She moved to Norfolk, Va. where her bother Paul Dean was stationed, before moving to Lafayette, Ind. Debra worked and attended classes at Purdue University, eventually graduating with an Associate of Science degree.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Elva (Weld) Wall; and grandparents, Gladys (Martin)and Oliver Kelly Weld, Stella (Foster) and James Wall.

Debra is survived by Gary and Liz Wall, North Fond du Lac, Wis.; Gayla (Wall) and Terry Mosteller, Choctaw; Dianna (Wall) and Henry Williams of Pauls Valley; Paul Dean Wall of the home. She was fond of her nieces and nephews, Crystal Mosteller, Yukon; Kelli (Mosteller) and Ryan Perkins, Moore; Rachel Wall, Muskegon, MI; Joshua Wall, Muskegon, MI; Errett and October Williams, Ada; Derrick and Kenzie Williams, Pauls Valley. Great niece and nephews, Aspen Williams, Jasper Williams and Blake Mosteller. Aunt Doris (Martin) and Carl Brenner, Shawnee and Uncle John and Beverly Weld, Baton Rouge, La.

She leaves behind a beloved cat, Mandy, who she adopted and bottle-fed.



Donald Lee Wickens

Donald Lee Wickens, 78, of Edmond, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend went home to be with the Lord on April 9, 2013. He was born in Oklahoma City on August 11, 1934 to Idora Belle (Totsy) and Claude Preston Wickens (a member of both the Beaubien and Rhodd families). He and his identical twin brother Ronald grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from Classen High School. He attended Oklahoma A&M where he received a Bachelor’s degree in Architectural Engineering and was a member of Chi Epsilon and Sigma Tau engineering honor fraternities. After graduation, Don married Sylvia Ann Knopp on August 25, 1957 and they had two daughters, Julia Ann and Donna Sue. Don served active duty in the U.S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and then as a Captain in the U.S.Air Force Reserves. In 1960 he was awarded the Air Force Commendation

Medal. After leaving the Air Force he returned to Oklahoma State University and earned his MS in Civil Engineering.

He worked as an engineer for several years before joining Benham Engineering in 1965. Over the course of his career he managed the design of hundreds of building and bridges. He commuted to the company’s Houston office for two years and to the St. Louis office for more than eight years, never relocating his family from their Edmond home. In 1991, he became the Chairman and CEO of the Benham Companies. During his time in leadership the company grew from 300 employees to over 750. In 1997, he was inducted into the OSU College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology Hall of Fame. He was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, served on the Board of Visitors for the OU College of Architecture and on the Professional Advisory Committee for the OSU School of Architecture. When he retired, Governor Frank Keating and Mayor Kirk Humphreys declared January 14, 2000 to be Donald L. Wickens Day.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, his dogs and horses, flying a helicopter and his plane. In his youth he played the trumpet and his love of music continued throughout his life. With his wife Sylvia, he enjoyed spending time in Red River, New Mexico and traveling. As an expression of his faith, he was very active in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and instrumental in overseeing the construction of the addition of a new sanctuary. He served on many committees and church offices and enjoyed his Bible study group and tutoring the Holy Trinity Christian School children in math. Don is survived by his wife Sylvia with whom he shared more than 55 wonderful years of marriage; daughters Julie and husband Roy Ballou; Donna and husband Todd Lisle; grandsons Philip Mock and wife Cassie; Andrew Mock; Jackson Lisle; Connor Lisle; step grandson Justin Ballou; brother Ronald Wickens and wife Julia Ann, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Don will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.



Kody Russell Bressman

A funeral service for Kody Bressman, 25, of Cary, N.C. was held on Tuesday March 26, 2013 at First Assembly of God in Lawton, Okla. with the Reverend Jamie Austin, Pastor of Woodlake Assembly of God in Tulsa, Okla. officiating.

Private family burial took place at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.

Kody passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in North Carolina.

Kody was born on January 24, 1988 in Oklahoma City, Okla. to Billy Leroy and Jan Michele (Russell) Bressman. He grew up in Lawton and attended Cameron University pre-school, High Bish and Woodlake Hills elementary schools. He attended Eisenhower Jr. High and graduated from Eisenhower High School in 2006. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. In 2007, Kody moved to Las Vegas, Nev. where he graduated from the University of Las Vegas with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a focus in accounting and Spanish. While he attended UNLV, he also studied abroad at La Universidad de Paris Vasco in San Sebastian, Spain. He receieved a minor from that university and was fluent in

Spanish, and he also lived with a Basque family while there. Kody was initiated as a worth prelate officer of Phi Delta Chi-Alpha Omega Chapter (a professional pharmacy fraternity). He worked at Walgreens pharmacy as a licensed pharmacy technician from 2006-12 and also as a tax preparer at ADB Enterprises LLC, Fort Mohave Ariz. since 2010.

Kody loved life and lived life to the fullest. He also loved and cherished his family and friends. He enjoyed reading, writing, working out, golfing, surfing and snowboarding. He recently competed in the Warrior Dash in Las Vegas. He was very interested in technology and was considered a “technology genius” by his family and friends. He loved to travel around the world. He had a soft spot for animals especially his faithful friend Say-D. Kody was a wonderful son, brother, cousin and friend. He was always there for family and friends to guide them, advise them, but most importantly to love them unconditionally. He always made his family proud.

Kody is survived by his mother and father, Billy and Jan Bressman of Fort Mohave, Ariz., a brother and his best friend, Kaden Bressman of Gilbert, Ariz. His maternal grandmother, Fayrene Russell of Lawton, Okla. His paternal grandparents Billy and Joann Bressman of Apache, Okla. His aunts and uncles, Donald and Jill Ryans of Lawton, Louann Carlstorm of Lawton, and Steve and Rhonda Wheeler of Weatherford. Cousins: Chevy, Blakely and Brittyn Ryans, Nikki and Sara Carlstorm, Korey and Tanner Wheeler, Adrian, Tara, Corbin Zach and Jayden Ramos and many other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Tony Russell, mathernat great-granparents, Nathalie (Nana) and Phillip Russell, his paternal great-grandparents, Leroy and Ruby Graves and Jimmy and Daniel Oliver Bressman.

Donations can be made in honor of Kody Russell Bressman to the Lawton Animal Shelter.

Rick Montgomery

Rick was born in Bakersfield, Calif. to Allan and Eunice Montgomery on August 27, 1949 and went to be with the Lord on April 16, 2013. Rick began working at a young age at Williams & Sons before working for the City of Perris where he met the love of his life Linda. The two were wed in June of 1971 and made their home in Perris where they had their first son Ricky II.

Rick began working for the city of Hemet in 1974 where the family was completed with the birth of their second son Billy. Rick retired in 2005 after 36 years of service. He will be remembered for his big contagious smile, kindness and jolly personality. Rick, You will always be in our Hearts.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years Linda; their two sons; daughters-in-law; six grandchildren; three siblings; and many other loving family members. Visitation was held at Hemet Valley Mortuary on Sunday, April 21. Interment was held April 22 at San Jacinto Valley Cemetery.

Joseph Alva Huckabee

August 4, 1937-February 6, 2013

Joseph Alva Huckabee, 75, of Modesto, Calif. passed away peacefully at home on February 6, 2013. Joe was preceded in death by his parents Alma Hope and Eugene Huckabee; two sisters Joyce Graces and Alma Sue Reep.

He will be missed by his wife of 39 years, Robbie (Hampton) Huckabee; three children, Pamela Hunter and Glen Huckabee of Modesto and Joanna Huckabee of Los Angeles; one brother, Michael Huckabee and wife Sharon of Sacramento; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Joe was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, veteran of the U.S. Army, and enjoyed cooking, reading, sailing, skiing, travelling and spending

time with family and friends.

A graveside service took place February 15, 2013 at Lakewood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.



Terry Nourie

Terry Nourie, 65, of Danville, passed away at 4:35 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2013, at North Logan Health Care Center in Danville.

He was born July 10, 1947, to Donald Nourie and Peggy Joyce Brazeal in Danville.

Terry married Dianna Willett on July 1, 1967. They later divorced, and she preceded him in death in

2012. He married Carol Drollinger on November 19, 1989, in Danville. She survives.

Other survivors include sons, Donald Nourie of Rantoul, Robby (Teresa) Nourie of Rantoul, Jeremy Nourie of Mason, Ohio, and Kevin Drake of Danville; daughter, Kelly Drake of San Diego Calif.; grandchildren, Derrick Muck, Joseph Muck, Ami Walters, Ryan Colleen, Billy Johnson, Kyle Nourie, Heaven Nourie, Cheyenne Drake and Emily Nourie; great-grandchildren, Jayden Muck and Armand Quinn Jr.; brothers, Kelly Crisp, Gary Crisp, Mike Grimes and Richard Nourie; and sister, Anita Vanoteghen.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, brother Mark Grimes and an infant sister.

Terry worked for General Motors in its melting department until his retirement from the plant. He was a drag race enthusiast who volunteered his time as a Little League coach. He had an appreciation for a good cup of coffee shared with friends and above all else loved spending time with his family.

As per Terry’s wishes, he was cremated and a memorial service was held Friday, April 5, at South Side Church of the Nazarene of Tilton, with Pastor Phil Jackson officiating and burial at a later date. Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, A Life Celebration Home, in Danville, handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made in Terry’s name to a charity of the donor’s choice. Condolences may be left at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).



Velma Janes Bullock

May 5, 1915 – March 17 2013

Funeral services for Velma James Bullock, 97, of Bonham, Texas were held Thursday March 21, 2013 at the Wise Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Rickey Robbins, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial followed at the Kingston Cemetery, in Kingston, Okla. Velma passed away at the Woodmoore Assisted Living Center in Bonham.

Velma was born May 5, 1915 in Purcell, Okla., the daughter

of William Walter Janes and Lillian Boehner Janes. She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth Academy in Oklahoma. Velma married Joe C. “Jay” Bullock on April 6, 1946 in Wellington, Kan. and he preceded her in death in 1987. Velma was an American Red Cross volunteer in WWII. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi and Wesley United Methodist Church. She was a bookkeeper for a mortgage company for a number of years. Velma enjoyed playing Bridge, 42, Scrabble and golf. She loved to water ski and finally stopped at the age of 73. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Duane Hoover (January 2012), a brother, Walter Janes, and three sisters, Ruth Stinson, Catherine Flanagan and Margaret Janes.

Surviving are three daughters, Peggy Gurski and husband Jim of Anna, Texas, Catherine Womack-Reid and husband Dickie of Georgetown, Texas and Jane Schluback of Hyde Park, N.Y.; a stepdaughter, Carol Ann Cleveland and Cleo, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 13 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and numerous great, great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Grant Womack, Scott Womack, Max Schlubach, Buzz Cory, Brett Cory, Tyler Cory and Josh Gurski.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital (262 Danny Thomas Place, Mephis, TN 38122) or Methodist Children’s Home, 111 Herring Ave., Waco TX 76703.

An online guest register can be found at [www.wisefuneralhome.com](http://www.wisefuneralhome.com).

Zelma Daniel

Zelma (Auntie) Daniel, 94, of Midwest City, passed away Monday April 8, 2013. She loved to garden, bake, and play dominos with her friend and caretaker Sarah Dryer. Visitation was held at Caskets Inc. & Johnson Funeral Service in Del City and a graveside service honoring Zelma’s life was held on April 13 at the Fairview Cemetery near Maud, OK. In lieu of flowers please donate in her name to: OU Health Science Center, Medical Education, PO Box 26901 BSE 100, OKC, OK 73126.



Edna Viola Batson

Edna Viola Batson, 89, died April 21, 2013, at her home in Midwest City with her family by her side. Edna was born on Sept. 10, 1923 to Frank & Ruby Smith in Oklahoma City. She was preceded in death by her parents & her two brothers, Frank & Luther Smith. She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Clifford; sister, Katherine Ledlow; two daughters, Barbara Cranford & her husband David & Debra Batson; son, Mark Batson & wife Norma; five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren & two great-great-grandchildren. Raised in Oklahoma City, she graduated from Central High School & went to work for Dunn & Bradstreet. During World War II she worked as a civilian employee at Tinker Air Force Base. She married Clifford on March 4, 1946 & gave birth to her first two children before returning to work for the Armed Forces Reserves during the Korean Conflict. Soon after the birth of her last child, she went to work for the Internal Revenue Service until her retirement in 1979. She enjoyed reading, painting, traveling & most of all her loving family & friends. She also enjoyed being an active member of NARFE, where she held various offices over the years until her health began to fail. She was also very proud to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma. The family wishes to thank Hospice Quality Care for the loving care they showed to Edna. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her, until we see her again.